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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy the insight into our trust schools shared in the SYMAT newsletter. As a group of likeminded schools, we have always had close working relationships. This year more than ever we have benefitted from formalising these relationships.

The reason we created the trust was to ensure the best possible education for our children. We have worked together, communicating, sometimes on a daily basis to help each other through what has been the most challenging experience we have experienced in education.

The head teachers, teachers and support staff have worked with skill, determination and resilience to do all they can to not only keep learning going but nurture, support and challenge our children and young people.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all who have enabled our schools to keep going. Even though we were not always able to use our buildings school continued, and all within school played their part.

Thank you as parents and carers for your understanding, patience and support, and thank you to our fantastic pupils. We have asked a lot of them, they have had a lot to put up with. From 3 year olds to 19 year olds they have been brilliant. We should all be very proud of them.

Next year may well bring further challenges. We will continue to prioritise the academic progress and wellbeing of all within our schools. Schools will continue to work hard to meet the needs of our pupils and wider community.

Shortly after our return in September, the trust will enter into a 4-week consultation around the proposed merger with South Bank Multi Academy Trust. We believe a merged trust will bring benefits to all children and look forward to sharing our plans and hearing your thoughts.

May I wish you a great summer holiday. I hope whatever you have planned brings you and your family joy, an opportunity to relax together and hopefully enjoy some good weather.

My very best wishes,

Steve Lewis

CEO, South York Multi Academy Trust

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