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To: All employees of Reach South Academy Trust
Subject: COVID-19 2019-nCoV, Coronavirus

Dear Colleagues,

The Easter weekend approaches and everything is different this year. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to every member of the Reach South staff. Whether it is our lonely homeworkers carrying out essential administration and coordination tasks; or virtual school teams working creatively and long hours to refresh and create the learning resources for the 98% of our pupils at home; or SEND and child protection specialists keeping in contact with the children that need us a little more; or our site staff keeping our premises operating safely and cleanly for EduCare each day; or our EduCare front line staff supporting directly the children of key workers and vulnerable children – thank you.

The way that all of you have adapted how you work in our nation's time of need, has been humbling and inspiring. The way that you have responded so positively and with good humour and resolve makes me so proud to be a part of the team that we call Reach South. The motivation for what you all do I know is simple: we are there for the 5,500 children and young people that we care for, whose characters we aim to influence positively and whose education we strive to improve.

We have many weeks, possibly months, to go in the fight against Covid-19. Right now though, to the whole of team Reach South, I want to say Happy Easter. What you all do makes a difference. The spirit with which you do it is why I love working with you all.

With very best wishes,



Dean Ashton
CEO Reach South Academy Trust