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Dear Ms Braithwaite and Team,

I would like to express my deep gratitude for all the work you do to care for our children.

Those of you working in schools have had to go above and beyond to ensure that the most vulnerable children who depend on a routine can continue to receive an education.

What you do enables parents who are health workers, care workers, delivery workers, street cleaners and cleaners, and so many others doing such an incredible job, to continue to do their work. This remains essential to keep our society functioning during these difficult and unprecedented times.

I appreciate that for many teachers and school staff this has been a time of great anxiety, instability, and grief. However, despite the difficulties and challenges, you have shown great courage and service to our communities.

Having excellent teachers and essential school staff in our schools is fundamental to the life chances of children. The work you do matters greatly and like all other essential workers, you are the backbone of our society and deserve our deep appreciation and gratitude.

As we look beyond this crisis, I will continue in my role as Member of Parliament for Islington North to highlight the importance of school funding; and to ensure that all who work in the education sector are properly remunerated.

I would very much like to visit St Mark's CE Primary School once the outbreak is contained and restrictions have been lifted. In the meantime, if there is anything I can do to help during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With warmest wishes

Jeremy Corbyn MP