



Hello and happy new year to you all,

As you may know your child's Academy is part of The Challenge Academy Trust which is made up of 10 academies located across Warrington. We have been incredibly proud of the offer our academies have managed to maintain over the space of this most difficult year. We have also been hugely impressed by how well your sons and daughters have responded and adapted to the challenges thrown at them. We have worked together within the trust to ensure the quality of our educational offer has been as effective as possible and we hope your child has been well supported.

It is clear that 2021 has not gotten off to an ideal start and we now know that a large proportion of our young people will be educated at home for at least the next few weeks. We feel confident our academies will provide some outstanding delivery of the main school curriculum during this time and we will be working together to ensure this is the case. However, we also want to ensure that our young people have access to a range of opportunities to develop their 'softer' skills despite the social limitations in place. To this end we are launching the TCAT Lockdown Challenge next week to encourage your sons and daughters to engage with a range of activities which will support their social, physical and emotional well-being and we will be asking you and your children to celebrate these achievements publicly via social media if you are happy to do so. Your child's school may already have a similar scheme in place, if so we would ask you to celebrate these achievements too.

Please log onto www.tcat.uk.com and select the Lockdown Challenge feature to find out more.

We realise that working from home cannot replace the school experience but we hope this initiative will go some way to making the experience more bearable and fun.

I would like to thank you personally for working so closely with our academies to ensure your children have the best experience possible during this difficult time.

Wishing you a healthy and happy 2021, hopefully free of restrictions.

Yours faithfully
Mr Andrew Moorcroft

Chief Executive Officer (TCAT)