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This year marks my 5th Christmas as Chief Executive of our Multi Academy Trust, and is the first one where I won't be attending a multitude of concerts and Christmas fayres, given we're still knee-deep in COVID-19 restrictions and adaptations. It also means I won't be able to do my best Vicar of Dibley impression and go from one Christmas dinner to the next! Disappointing as that is, my New Year waistline will (hopefully) benefit from that, at least.

The roller coaster that is 2020 continues to have last minute twists as we reach the end of the calendar. I write this briefing the day after the first vaccination has been administered in the UK, with other vaccines being approved. This will give so much hope to so many, even if the pathway to a post-COVID world still stretches into the distance. Locally, nationally and internationally: we've lost far too many loved ones to this virus, and - whilst we have good reasons to hope for a better tomorrow - 2020 will always carry the scars of loss and difficulty for so many of us.

I would like to use this briefing to thank Helen Bellinger for her service as a Director of the Trust. Helen resigned at the end of November after being with us for the last year. Helen has been a source of great support, advice and robust challenge during her time as a Director of the MAT, and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Despite unavoidable interruptions to school life, our attendance levels continue to be higher than the national average, which is testament to the continued trust that families put in us to keep our learners as safe as possible. Our understanding of concepts such as courage and commitment have been redefined this year, and whenever I visit our academies or see what classes share on social media I'm always amazed at how 'normalized' our pupil learning experiences are.

I would like to conclude my final briefing of 2020 by thanking everyone for all they've done this year. As we work through the final 7 days of term, I hope everyone manages to get some much deserved R&R over the holiday period.

Have a very Merry Christmas - see you all in 2021!

Learning together, to be the best we can be

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