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Dear Mark,

I am writing to thank you and your staff for everything that has been done over the weekend to provide reassurance to parents and pupils on their return to the school yesterday.

I know this must be a difficult time for everyone involved with Bethnal Green Academy, but I understand from my conversations with the Regional Schools Commissioner Tim Coulson that your communications with parents and pupils have been clear and effective, and that you feel confident that everything possible is being done to keep pupils safe.

While we hope and pray for the safe return of the pupils in question, we also think of their friends and acquaintances at the school who will no doubt struggle to come to terms with the events of recent days. I know that you and the staff there are doing everything possible to provide them with the help and support they need and to ensure they continue to thrive in a safe, tolerant environment where the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance are promoted and widely shared.

I have asked my officials to ensure that you and your staff continue to receive all the support and assistance that you require. If there is more that the RSC and others at the DfE can do to support you, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With very best wishes,

Nicky Mogan

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