



Firstly, I do hope that you are all well. I know these are uncertain times but one thing has been constant and that is your support for the school and all we are doing to provide for those that need a safe haven. Thanks also to those of you who have given us positive feedback about the work that we are providing for your children at home. You have supported us and that has been really important during difficult times. School has now been 'closed' for a few weeks and it has never felt stranger. We remain open for a small number of students and we continue to be there for our community whenever they need us. What has been lovely is to see the students who are attending really value the education that we provide. Another has been the response we had following the school's appearance on BBC Breakfast. We decided to accept their invitation to be on as we wanted to show that Halewood Academy really is a school at the heart of the community. I knew that a number of our parents, who are Key Workers, depended on us to be there and I wanted that to come across. Many of you will know that a student in Year 8, Lewis Smith, and his mum, Sharon, were the first to arrive that morning. Bravely, they accepted the reporter's request for an interview and they were great. A viewer, living in Essex, saw Lewis and rang us almost immediately after his appearance asking if she could send him an Easter Egg. She was so impressed with both Lewis and Sharon. A few emails and 3 days later and the egg arrived. It was an amazing moment in a difficult week for all of us reminding us that there is nothing quite like people being good to each other.

It is a very surreal, strange time for me. It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that I am leaving Halewood Academy after almost seven years as your Principal. I have a new job as a Principal in a school elsewhere and I will start my new role on June 1st. It has been an absolute privilege to have been the Principal of this school. I think it is fair to say that we have been on quite a 'journey' together. I have to pay a humble thank you to all the staff who have worked with me during that time and who have worked so hard for your children and the community of Halewood. Being the Principal of a school close to where I grew up as a child has meant a lot to me. One of the best things about this job has been building relationships with the parents and, particularly, the students. Saying farewell to Year 11 a few weeks ago, knowing I was leaving but not being able to tell them at that time, was really difficult for me. Over time, many of you have become great supporters of the school and of many of the things we have done in school. Thank you for that support. It has been a source of strength for me particularly during difficult times. I have worked with you and the staff to make this school a place that the local community can be proud of and I would like to think that the school is in a much better place than when I arrived. Thank you. I remain in post until the end of May and will continue to work as Principal until then. The Wade Deacon Trust are putting plans in place to recruit a new Principal for September as well as interim arrangements around leadership for the final half term of the year. I wish the school, the staff and our students a bright, successful future. Thank you all again. I wish you all the very best for the future.

Mr G Evans—Principal

The poster features the NHS logo and the text 'HM Government'. The main headline reads 'CORONAVIRUS STAY AT HOME SAVE LIVES'. Below this, it states 'Anyone can spread Coronavirus. The only reasons to leave home are:' followed by a list of four items: 'To shop for basic necessities or pick up medicine', 'To travel to work when you absolutely cannot work from home', 'To exercise once a day, alone or with members of your household', and 'Do not meet others, even friends or family'. The poster also includes a 3D model of a coronavirus particle and a small box in the bottom right corner that says 'CORONAVIRUS STAY HOME PROTECT THE NHS SAVE LIVES'.