Weekend Update (email to non-furloughed staff) Fri 03/04/2020 16:22

Dear non-furloughed colleagues

It has been a week of huge upheaval and I just wanted to catch those of you that have not been furloughed before the weekend. Judging from my inbox I suspect that there are some furloughed staff that would prefer not to be, and some of us who are still working, but would rather be furloughed. For those of you that remain in post — often in makeshift home offices or at the kitchen table- I want to thank you for taking the news so well and with so little fuss.

I know that it's not easy and many of you are doing considerable amounts of extra work at a time when spending more time pottering around the garden really appeals. Right from the outset of the furlough scheme, I and members of the SLT have been acutely aware of the possible divisive issues around the perceived fairness of it, and have already been exploring ways in which staff who have not been furloughed can be acknowledged in an appropriate way. As you can imagine, the FSC 'to do list' is very long, but be assured that this issue is on it.

My plan is to send very regular updates on what is happening across the organisation, whilst also encouraging our furloughed colleagues to keep in touch with us.

In the meantime I hope that you will find some time this weekend for a well-deserved rest.

Best regards

Mark