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Dear Colleagues,

### **Busy Centres and Busy Staff**

We in the senior leadership team are acutely aware of just how busy and stretched you have all been and continue to be. I hope that you have had a visit from one of the team recently but if not we aim get out and about to all centres with more visits planned later in the year, but it's not only hearing first hand from staff from across the organisation that helps paint an accurate picture. We are well served with managers feedback, representatives on committees and almost real time data and modelling to help with decision making and problem solving. Thank you also to all of you who completed the Investors In People survey (IIP).

But I know that it has felt truly relentless in recent months. As we start to head towards the school holidays and very slightly quieter August I want to thank all of you for going the many extra miles. Your hard work is playing a vital role in our recovery as you all help deliver the kind of experiences that make customers want to come back. Very long stints of teaching, juggling catering and hospitality cover, being prepared to temporarily relocate hundreds of miles from home and stepping in to cover in all sorts of roles behind the scenes to keep our systems running. None of this have gone unnoticed and I'm proud and grateful of the way that you have all kept going. Thank you.

### **Double Donations Days on Amazon Smile**

I'm aware that Amazon can be controversial so don't write in, but if you *are* an Amazon customer you can help raise money for FSC by nominating us as your charity on AmazonSmile. On 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of July, Amazon will be doubling donations on all eligible purchases made with AmazonSmile. If you haven't already thought about nominating FSC as your chosen charity [you can do so here](#) and donations will automatically be made each time you purchase something.

### **In the media this week**

FSC was the [main story](#) on the Education Business news site on Tuesday of this week with a big spread on outdoor learning in general and the new GCSE in natural history in particular. Quick thinking by the marketing team made use of the news story that some Just Stop Oil protestors [glued themselves to a Constable oil painting](#) this week. FSC tweeted that "*We use the same John Constable scene to raise awareness about the environment, in a slightly less dramatic way. Our field centre @FSCFlatfordMill features in the original #WillyLottsCottage*"

### **Welcome Back**

This week we welcomed back Philip, our Director of Eco Business from his paternity leave and he will be working Tuesdays to Fridays until Christmas.

Stay safe and keep well

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