



Kingsway Hospital Derby DE22 3LZ

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Dear

We want to say a very big thank you to you for being a special part of Team Derbyshire Healthcare over the last few months.

The support you are giving to your parents at this difficult time is really appreciated and we could not continue to support our patients in the way that we are if it wasn't for your help.

Our Trust is facing a big challenge – maybe bigger than we have seen before – and your parents are working very hard to carry on supporting and caring for the people we look after, to support their mental and physical health. This is a very important job and you can be very proud of the work your parents are doing at this difficult time.

You might not realise it, but you are playing a big part in helping with this. The love and support you show to your family helps them get through a difficult time at work. Your laughter, your hugs, your jokes and your smiles are now more important than ever.

If you are still going to school, we want to say a big thank you because this means your parents can continue to come in to work at Derbyshire Healthcare. If you are learning at home, then there's a big thank you to you for working so hard and being so sensible. We know it can be difficult if your parents are working from home and answering calls or attending video meetings – and equally hard if they have to come to work while you stay at home.

The next few weeks and months are going to continue to be busy for our Trust and for hospitals across the country, but with the support of you and your fantastic family we will get through it.

Thank you so much for being part of our team and keep up the good work at home. Included with this letter is an NHS rainbow for you to colour in or decorate. You can then stick it in a window, if your parents are happy for you to do so, to help celebrate the work of your parents, our team and the wider NHS. If you would like to send a picture of your colouring, please send it to dhcft.communications@nhs.net. We would love to see them!

Many thanks and best wishes – and lots of claps!



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