Statement following the death of George Floyd

We are horrified by the tragic death of George Floyd and the deaths of countless others before him. We know that these events will have brought feelings of incredible personal pain to members of our staff and student body and that this issue is not limited to the US. It has been difficult to know what to say; but saying nothing is not acceptable.

Isaac Newton Academy stands in solidarity with the black community. Challenging systemic inequality and institutional racism should not be left to members of the black community alone. Saying black lives matter is not just about condemning instances of police brutality but also calling on ourselves to be better. We appreciate it is a very complex issue but we will reflect, listen and enact changes that confront the racial biases and discrimination in our society.

Our students are the leaders of the future. We are responsible for empowering them to challenge racism, engage in complex and nuanced conversations about race, and emulate the BRIDGES dispositions of fairness, empathy, leadership and justice.

As educators we must provide leadership, support and challenge on this crucial issue. We ask that you challenge us to do better, challenge each other to do better and continue to support our students in creating a better world.

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