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To members of the rugby family,

Like you, I can see how difficult a time this is for everyone. The lack of rugby is causing real challenges for the fabric of our sport and wellbeing. Many of you are closely engaged in the battle to keep our sport alive and we all hope that this situation does not continue for longer than necessary.

It is difficult to express just how grateful I am for all your hard work, the efforts to reach solutions, and the way everyone has been doing their level best for the game and their communities. We are to strive to get the game back to playing on pitches nationwide. It will take some time and I am deeply grateful for your patience.

Grassroots rugby is, without doubt, the lifeblood of our game and it must be protected. That is fundamental in our strategy and we continue to remind Government of that fact. It is the rugby family which will ensure long-term growth, once we can see a real return to the game, and we want to make sure that we keep the rugby family together during this crisis.

That is why we want to recognise the continuing efforts of our rugby community during the Autumn Nations Cup and Women's Autumn International.

You may not be able to take your seats at Twickenham Stadium but our clubs and CBs can be there in spirit. We would like as many as possible to send us their club and county shirts to fill a seat as England Men and Women compete in the Quilter Internationals.

We want to create an image which represents the way all of our member clubs and CBs are standing together. Working with delivery partner Royal Mail we have ensured that you can simply print off a label, attach it to the package containing your shirt and send it to us free of charge from a post office.

By sending your shirt in, you will be entered into a draw to win one of ten signed England shirts for your club or CB. After the Autumn Internationals and Nations Cup matches are over, we will be looking to house the shirts permanently in the stadium in some form, so keep an eye out for more on this in the future. I can't wait to see you all at Twickenham again but in the meantime to have our clubs and CBs in the stands will give the squads a tremendous boost.

Again thank you all for your incredible efforts on behalf of rugby and please help us to represent those efforts at the stadium in the coming months.

Kind Regards

Jeff Blackett

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