We hope you are well.

We’re sure that you join us in being very disturbed by the recent incident that resulted in the death of George Floyd in America.

A truly devastating situation, which alongside other global tragedies, has been recognised internationally, nationally and locally.

We stand alongside all those who are appalled and horrified by the way George Floyd lost his life and hope that justice and accountability follow.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion is at the heart of our college. It is integral to the culture in which we work and study.

Diversity and inclusion is about each and every one of us; it's about valuing and celebrating all the differences that make us unique and that enrich and strengthen our communities.

We promote mutual respect and strengthening our relationships with each other and take a zero tolerance approach to any form of discrimination or harassment.

The chair of the college staff BAME network group has shared a personal account on the profound impact this has had on her and her family. Please click here to read this powerful and inspirational message.

If you have been affected by what has happened and would like support, our counselling service is here to help.  You can contact the counselling team via [Counsellors@bmet.ac.uk](mailto:Counsellors@bmet.ac.uk)

There have been many protests on what has happened across the world and there is one planned in Birmingham this afternoon.  If you plan to attend please [click here](https://west-midlands.police.uk/news/acc-saddened-frustrated-angry-and-shocked-death-george-floyd) to see this short video message from West Midlands Police.

If you do decide to take part in a protest, please do stay safe, remember the principles of Ready Respectful Safe, and please look after your health and welfare by adhering to social distancing.

We will forever stand in unity with our ethnic minority communities.

We also stand together with people across the globe to speak out against racism and promote understanding – all whilst striving to create a world that is smarter, stronger and kinder.

Best Wishes