



KENSINGTON PALACE

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I wanted to thank the Nursing Now campaign very much for all you are doing to support nurses around the world during this hugely difficult time.

The crucial, and often unsung, role that nurses play in global health care is needed now more than ever. In this, the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, healthcare workers are facing unprecedented challenges in the fight against the global pandemic. Often putting their lives at risk and separating from loved ones to protect them from harm, they are an inspiration to us all. We stand behind all nurses and commend their bravery.

I know you had so many plans for the Nursing Now campaign this year which have sadly had to be postponed. This international crisis has brought into sharp focus how much the global community relies on nurses and all healthcare professionals and it is clear that we will need to continue to champion the nursing profession long after the pandemic has ended.

I am here to support you in the future.

Thank you for your continued work and I send you my very best wishes for the challenging times ahead.