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Dear Parent/Carer.

I hope that this finds you well. I appreciate that families are still experiencing difficulties as a result of Covid-19, but I am pleased that we have had a relatively uninterrupted first term so far. It has been great to have relative normality in school and to get back to what we are here for – for teachers to teach and for students to learn!

Prior to March 2020 and changes to the school leadership, it was an area of focus of ours to improve communication at all levels. For any school to be successful, it is crucial that they have strong relationships with all stakeholders, especially parents/carers. Clearly, the pandemic has tested this and never has communication been more important.

To improve this further, I would like to engage parents/carers more moving forward. We have recently dealt with a number of queries regarding our catering services, which has resulted in changes to the way in which our catering provider, Taylor Shaw, operate. As always, any service that we provide, or that is provided for us, is for the benefit of our students and their feedback has also been considered through various student focus groups. A summary of actions taken as a result of this feedback can be seen in our first 'You said, we did' which can be found here.

As parents/carers, you will have opinions on what we do as a school and it is important that we know what they are. Whilst the old adage applies; 'you cannot please all of the people all of the time', a strong partnership between you and us is important. Starting from January 2022, we will release a series of Parent/Carer Surveys, termly, that will invite your views on a range of key issues or school processes. The direct link between parents/carers and the school promotes effective communication as opposed to other means, such as, social media where two-way communication is not possible. As a result of the feedback we gain from you, each survey will be followed by a 'You said, we did' if there are things that will be amended as a result.

Finally, we have added two new information sections to the school website this week; these focus on how we 'set' groups and, how we track and monitor student progress. These are areas that are of great interest to you as parents/carers for obvious reasons, and something we needed to communicate better. To access this information please click here. This information is timely as a precursor to all of our students completing assessments in the coming weeks and, for when reports are released after Christmas, before parents/carers evenings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Pinto Headteacher

