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Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our engagement with parents and carers, at the start of next half term we will be sending out a questionnaire to gather feedback on the school. This will hopefully allow us to identify the things you feel we are doing well, but also highlight any areas where you feel there may be scope for improvement. Last time we conducted this process we were very pleased that the overwhelming majority of responses provided very positive feedback. Nevertheless, it was also very useful to receive constructive feedback on certain areas which we have tried to address in the interim. We will attempt to do the same this time.

Early w/c 31st October, you will receive an electronic questionnaire either via your My Ed app or text message, if you do not have the app. The questionnaire looks at the same areas as the Ofsted parental questionnaire, but in more detail, and with specific questions tailored towards our school. Most questions will simply require a tick box answer, but there will also be a section for an optional free text response at the end, should you wish. Later in the year we will conduct a similar process for the Sixth Form but this time we are asking for feedback on years 7 to 11 only. At a later date, we shall also send out a further questionnaire focussing specifically on questions from the Catholic Schools Inspection schedule, but we have still included some questions on the Catholic Life and prayer life of the school in this version too.

It is important to be clear over the parameters and expectations surrounding this exercise. It would be wrong to give the impression that each individual suggestion will be acted upon, as we have to consider each response against the weight of other responses, and also possibly against other factors. Furthermore, two separate parents may make totally contradictory suggestions and clearly it would be impossible to go along with both viewpoints equally. However, if responses give us a clear indication that there may be an issue with a particular aspect of the school, then we will certainly look into that area in more detail.

This is not an opportunity to raise concerns over any individual members of staff or children, including your own, as there are routes already available to do so. Therefore, please do not identify individual staff or students. If you do have a concern about your own child, please remember that the first route is via his or her Head of House. If you wish to raise a safeguarding concern then please contact Mrs Bowen, our Designated Safeguarding Lead. The school is not able to respond to individual parents/carers about any points or questions they raise. However, we will feed back to the parent body as a whole on the outcomes of the questionnaire later this term.



As stated above, you should receive the questionnaire w/c 31st October. It will remain open until the end of the school day, Friday 4th November. Any responses after this date will not register. The questionnaire asks you to identify the year group(s) of your child(ren). There is no need to complete more than one questionnaire for individual children, unless you have a particular reason for doing so.

We look forward to receiving your responses and very much hope that this will prove to be a way in which we can work with parents for the ongoing good of the school and most importantly the students. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Juric
Executive Head Teacher

