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Dear Parents/Carers,

You might have recently received a letter from Wakefield Local Authority suggesting some changes to the Covid -19 response in schools. Whilst the academy appreciates the input from the local authority, the information provided relates to suggestions made by Public Health Wakefield and do not represent a change to the Department for Education national guidance.

As an academy, throughout the pandemic, we have followed national guidance and will continue to do so. Parents should continue to follow the national guidance with regard to their child's attendance. Pupils should isolate if they are displaying coronavirus symptoms and book a PCR test. If the test is positive, they should isolate for 10 days from the on-set of symptoms. There is no requirement for pupils to isolate if somebody in their house tests positive or if they have been in contact with somebody who has tested positive.

As part of our response to coronavirus, the academy keeps the risk assessment under constant review. As a result of this, it has been necessary to review our arrangements for the parents evening that are planned in for this half term. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to mitigate the impact for staff of multiple face to face parents' evenings appointments and as a result, it has been necessary to move the parents evening for this term to remote, on-line appointments.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

The on-line booking system will remain open. For those parents who have already booked, the appointments will automatically move to remote appointments but an email link to the evening will NOT have been created at the time of booking. Consequently, parents who have not been sent an email link to the remote parents evening will be required to log into the parent evening booking system through the Castleford Academy website to access their appointments on the evening of the 18th November. Those who have not yet booked should continue to book as normal and you will receive an email link to the appointments. Year 11 reports will be posted to parents in advance of the evening.

Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening

The parents' evening for Year 12 and 13 pupils will also be held remotely. Further details will follow regarding the on-line booking system.

I recognise that many of you will be disappointed by this however, the safety and welfare of all staff and pupil remains our priority. The academy risk assessment will continue to be reviewed and updated and any future changes will be communicated to parents.

Yours faithfully,

Mr W Bush
Headteacher

