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Dear families

I wrote before Christmas to thank you for completing the parent and carer survey sent out through the platform Edurio. We have taken some time to read the responses and comments, which have been very insightful and helpful for us to reflect on.

We are pleased to see that across every category, our responses sit above the national average benchmarks, indicating that families are positive and appreciative of the work the school does and our links with families.

Thank you for letting us know that:

- you are very likely to recommend the school to other parents and carers
- you are very pleased with the school's efforts to engage you as parents and carers
- you are very confident that adults are able to keep your child safe and treat your child fairly
- the school's approaches to learning, behaviour and attendance fit your child's needs very well.

There are some key areas that will be our focus moving forwards, which I wanted to share with you and invite you to engage with.

- 1) Reviewing the ways families can communicate with school, to make this as easy and reliable as possible
- 2) Planning more opportunities for parents and carers to come in to school to:
 - o meet leaders to share thoughts and ask questions
 - o take part in workshops and information sharing sessions that could support our students both in and out of school
- 3) Look at setting up stronger links with the community, particularly for fundraising and opportunities to connect
- 4) Consulting with all stakeholders about Progress Evenings and how they can be most effective and impactful

Further information regarding our plans for some of these key areas will follow.

I would like to start by inviting you to The Castle School New Dining Hall on the evening of Wednesday 26 February between 7pm and 8pm for our first 'drop in' session with leaders. Myself and other leaders will be available for you to chat to, so feel free to come and speak to us about anything school-related. We will provide some light refreshments and are keen to hear of any feedback you would like to share. We look forward to seeing some of you then.

Finally, may I thank you once again for your feedback as well as your ongoing support and connection.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Wordsworth
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