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Dear Parents and Carers,

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SPRING TERM

Firstly, we would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our learners and their families, we do hope that you have enjoyed the festive break. All of our staff are looking forward to the spring term, they are incredibly committed to supporting our learners and working closely with them to ensure that they continue to receive the very best education throughout the current pandemic.

As you will no doubt be aware, the challenges with the latest Covid variant (Omicron) have placed unprecedented strain on staffing levels across the country. Notwithstanding this, we are delighted that we have managed to open all our academies and college for the start of the new term and our staff will continue to make every effort to provide excellent face-to-face education for all our learners.

Nevertheless, we are mindful that we must maintain a safe environment for all. Unfortunately therefore, as a result of the pandemic and the Government guidance to isolate, there may come a point where a significant number of colleagues are absent. The resultant staffing levels may be too low to effectively maintain the balance of the learners' education with the school/ college safety, the latter of which is our first priority.

The outcome of a significant staff shortage may unfortunately result in the closure of a class or, in the worst case scenario, a full academy or college; this is likely to occur at very short notice. However, please be assured that any such decision will not be taken lightly and would be a last resort as we fully appreciate the impact on all concerned. In the event of any closure, remote learning will be re-instated to ensure the continuity of education.

Thank you for your continued support and, on behalf of the whole team, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy new year.

Best wishes.

Angela Holdsworth

CEO