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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support at the start of this new academic year. The students have made an excellent start to the year and we are very excited to see what achievements and successes this new year will bring. As Assistant Headteacher Pastoral, I would also like to share with you some changes to the Pastoral team and some important safeguarding information.

We believe that Pastoral care at St Mary's is outstanding and we pride ourselves on the excellent care that our students receive in order to help them develop holistically and reach their full potential. I will be leading the Pastoral life of the school, working with the Key Stage Leaders, Heads of Year and Form Tutors. As you will be aware, your first point of contact, should you have any concerns or questions, should be your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year. In the Pastoral team, Key Stage Leaders also work closely with Heads of Year in each Key Stage.

I would also like to share with you some important information about our Safeguarding work this year. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are myself, Miss Largue (Assistant Headteacher Pastoral), Mr McDonald (Key Stage 4 Leader) and Mr Tait (Key Stage 5 Leader).

As part of our ongoing Safeguarding work and commitment to keeping all of our students safe, students regularly receive Safeguarding lessons as part of the Pastoral Programme. Topics covered in these lessons include the dangers of social media and how to stay safe online and issues related to low self-esteem and mental health. In addition to this, we will continue to give regular Safeguarding reminders in assemblies. As in previous years, we would also like to continue our Safeguarding information evenings for parents. The aim of these evenings is to provide important information and guidance, helping us to work together to ensure the wellbeing of our students. The date of this evening will be confirmed later in the school year.

Should you have any queries or concerns of a Pastoral or Safeguarding nature, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss Largue
Assistant Headteacher Pastoral