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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, Chase High School is part of Discovery Educational Trust (DET). One of the overarching and strategic roles of the Trust is to engage with stakeholders, including parents and carers.

This engagement could take the form of a general update regarding the work that DET is undertaking at Chase High School, or at any of the schools in the Trust. It could also have a more specific focus, for example, to request feedback from parents and carers, in their role as important stakeholders of the school.

This letter falls into the latter category.

The Trust has staff based at Chase High School, including myself, and in the coming weeks we will be talking to the pupils about a number of matters, with a focus on behaviour, personal development and the wider opportunities offered by the school to pupils.

We will also be speaking to Sixth Form students about their experience.

Hearing regular feedback from our pupils and students, but also from parents/carers, is vital for continued school improvement.

In light of this, I would like to hear from parents and carers about behaviour that their child may have witnessed, or been the victim of. In particular, feedback linked to discriminatory, homophobic, racist and/or misogynistic language.

Sadly, we live in a world, especially on social media, that can portray these behaviours as normal. These behaviours should never be normalised and should be challenged at any and every opportunity.

As mentioned previously, Trust staff will be engaging with pupils regarding these behaviours, but we would also like to hear from parents and carers with any relevant feedback or concerns.

This feedback is not intended to supersede any direct communication, which you may have had, or are having, with the school, nor will your feedback be considered as a complaint (the Trust has a policy and procedure to be followed in this situation). It will be used to inform school improvement.

DET has a direct email address, <u>contact@discoveryeducationaltrust.co.uk</u>, which I would ask you to use to send in your feedback.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Ryan Duff
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