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Dear Parent/Carer

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Consultation regarding the distribution of the half termly monitoring reports

You will be aware that currently we collect monitoring data on your child's progress six times per academic year, distributing this to parents/carers as soon as possible after the collection in order that you can monitor how well your child is progressing towards their targets as well as grades related to effort and behaviour. We are aware that this process has been very positively received and that you currently feel well informed about how your child is achieving. This system was originally initiated to replace the annual end of year report.

We write to you at this time, however, as we would like to propose that, in any one academic year, the number of collections/distributions are reduced from six to four. For all year groups we would continue to assess progress at the end of the first half term and again just before Christmas. For Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 we would then look to collect prior to the Easter and summer holidays. The main reason for this is that the spring term tends to be very short in length thereby not allowing time for students to fully demonstrate progress from the Christmas collection.

We would then look to collect Y11, Y12 and Y13 at a different time, prior to examinations, which would give both yourselves and your child the information they need to help those last preparations before their external examinations. It will also give the academy predicted grades which are requested by the examination boards.

As this is a consultation we are very keen to hear your reviews and receive your feedback, either in support or with other suggestions that you may have. In order to do this could I ask that you email myself at the address below. The period of consultation will end on Thursday 4th February 2016. Following this any decisions will be made taking into respect as many suggestions as possible. We will then write to you again following the half term holiday in order to clarify any changes which will be made to the collection and distribution of monitoring data.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.