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Dear Parent/Guardian

Ofsted inspection - update

We promised to keep you informed about developments at the school.

Simon Hill, the Headteacher, remains on sick leave. In his absence Marc Doyle is currently acting as Headteacher and the local authority has asked Tony Loveday, Headteacher of Willowgarth High School to provide support to him in this role. Tony will spend 50% of his week in Darton High working with Marc, the Governors, the senior staff, teachers, non-teaching staff and pupils. Tony is a very successful headteacher who will clearly be spending the rest of his time at Willowgarth.

As already discussed with staff and students, the school has identified 5 key priorities to focus on over the coming weeks. The first is *better quality learning and teaching* - critical to the achievement and progress of every child in the school. The second priority is *settled and orderly classrooms* as part of overall improvements in behaviour and discipline. Thirdly we're looking to *improve uniform* and the overall appearance of pupils. Fourthly we'll be putting every effort into ensuring that the *current Year 11 achieves the best results they possibly can*. Last, but not least, we're looking to improve school morale. To support these priorities additional staff will be joining the school's team to offer support and assistance.

The school is also organising year group meetings for parents so that if you have any pressing issues these can be raised with the school and responded to. Dates of these meetings will be sent through to you in the near future.

With thanks.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director for Children,
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Tony Loveday
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Willowgarth High School



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