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Dear Blaise Families,

I am writing to you with the first part of the next series of our 'What We Do' letters. A number of parents have said to me either at the gate, or via email, that they found these letters, and the accompanying videos extremely helpful. Today I am writing to you regarding pastoral care in our school.

### **Pastoral Care**

At Blaise High School, we know that every child will climb their own personal mountain to the very best Universities in the country or careers of their choosing. We know that every child is capable of achieving this. We know that exam results are central to achieving these goals, as they unlock doors in the futures of our children. We believe that this is the main function of a school. However, we also recognise that schools have a big role to play in providing pastoral care to children, and we take this privilege very seriously. Children will find their climb up their mountains more difficult if they don't get the care and attention they need.

We have a tiered approach; support that everyone gets, support that some people get, and even more specialist support that some people receive. Our school is disruption free, meaning it is easier to see children who are struggling than it is in a chaotic school. Everyone benefits from this. We have five Heads of Year, who do an incredible job at providing pastoral care to their year groups. Two of those are non-teaching, in Year 7 and 11, meaning they have additional time and capacity to support children. In addition to this we have two assistant heads of year, who support children with uniform and on punctuality. We have a 'Ready for Learning' team of five non-teaching members of staff, two of whom are currently on maternity leave. We have a highly trained safeguarding team made up of three members of staff. We also have our mental health practitioners; three of them, none of whom teach, and all of whom are able to deliver timetabled sessions to students who need it the most. It is important that I also pay mention to Gideon, our on site therapy dog. Our students are 'seen' at least three times a day at line up, and the pastoral team are always on hand to speak to them. In addition to this, if a child feels worried about something they can report it online, using our STAR(Student, Talk, And, Report) form, [here](#). All of these members of staff work across the Resource Base, however we are in the process of appointing a Pastoral Support Officer, dedicated to the Resource Base. I am incredibly proud of this, and the work that these members of staff do. I do not know of a comparable mainstream secondary school that has this level of pastoral support. I would recommend anyone coming for a 'School in Action' tour and seeing this in action.

Please keep your eye on the website for a video explaining how this works at the school.

Please email us on [info@blaisehighschool.co.uk](mailto:info@blaisehighschool.co.uk) to book your school in action tour.

Wishing you a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully,



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