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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Identification and Support for Students in Kinship Care

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. At Outwood Academy Newbold we are committed to ensuring that every child receives the support and understanding they need to thrive in both their education and wellbeing.

In line with the Department for Education's Statutory Guidance on Kinship Care (October 2024), we are working to improve how we recognise and support children who are living in kinship care arrangements. You can read this guidance here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/670d3ed5e84ae1fd8592f2fa/Kinship_Care_-_statutory_guidance_for_local_authorities_October_2024.pdf

Kinship care describes situations where a child is being raised by a relative, family friend, or other connected adult because their parents are unable to care for them. These arrangements can be formal or informal, and may involve grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, or close family friends.

As part of our inclusive approach, we are currently undertaking a data capture to help us identify any students who are living in a kinship care arrangement. This will enable us to offer tailored support to those young people and ensure we are meeting their needs both pastorally and academically. It will also help us provide appropriate information to carers and ensure that staff are aware of, and sensitive to, the specific circumstances of students in kinship care.

I would be grateful if you could let me know via email (c.schulze@newbold.outwood.com) if your child is currently in a kinship care arrangement. Any information shared with us will be treated in strict confidence and will only be used to ensure appropriate support is in place. Please note if you have previously contacted the academy to let us know, it will be saved on our systems.

I would also like to take this opportunity to make kinship carers aware of a local support group, Kinship Chesterfield, who you can contact via email (kinship.chesterfield@gmail.com) or facebook if you wish to access their support group.

If you are unsure or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Schulze
Vice Principal