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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well.

In our constant aim to improve the quality of education at Netherthorpe school, we will be conducting a series of baseline assessments in school over the next three weeks to help us establish, in the absence of Key Stage 2 data and in light of the pandemic, a clear and accurate starting point for each of our children in years 7, 8 and 9.

Whilst we acknowledge that this will cause some disruption, the rewards and rich information we will gain from this process means that we will be able to tailor our teaching to meet the learning needs of all students in our classes to maximise their potential. More information about these assessments can be found over the page.

**I have purposefully not sent this letter out earlier as we do not want students to feel that they need to revise for these tests. These are baseline assessments so no preparation is required.**

As part of this process, we will also be reviewing our reporting system with a view to how we can share more information with parent/carers so they can support their child's learning at home. Further information will be sent out prior to reporting and we will seek to find out your views through parent voice.

Please can we ask that you reassure your child about these tests and encourage them to just try their best. The staff in school will support students through this process so they can perform at their best.

If you have any questions regarding this assessment programme, please don't hesitate in contacting the school.

Yours sincerely

*Helen McVicar*

Headteacher