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Dear Parent/ Carer

Wk. Five update from the WHF Special school sector- Nylands, St Luke's and The Peak Academy

This week, I echo the words of our Prime minister, Boris Johnson from his open letter to parents. The prime minister says "the Covid crisis has been tough for all of us but has brought out the very best in a great many people". With that in mind, I continue to thank you all for encouraging attendance, supporting our high behavior expectations or supporting online learning. I am in awe of the efforts from you as parents and echo this to all the amazing staff who work tirelessly to provide the very best support for you and the pupils.

Even the Duchess of Cambridge admitted she was "exhausted" by the challenges, so please don't feel you are on your own. Whatever you are doing, whatever your circumstances please keep it up. If we can do anything to support you please don't hesitate to contact us. We have one more week until Half term and a well-deserved break.

Until then, we remain steadfast in our Pledges to you.

We promise 3 things **"The White Horse Pledge"**

1. Covid safety at all times
2. High quality educational delivery
3. Well-being of staff and pupils

If at anytime you feel we can improve, please don't hesitate to contact me or the Principal and we can work together. Of course, if you feel we are doing a good job please let us know. It's nice to hear positives as well.

Celebrations

In brief, I have witnessed and heard of some incredible pupils and staff who have risen to the challenge this week. In no particular order here are just a few of the highlights from week 5;

- All three Special schools for their continued support to pupils, families and staff.
- The ongoing business continuity from all 3 schools ensuring we keep moving projects on to ensure the very best for your pupils.

- Increased onsite face to face attendance across the special school sector
- The collaboration between the Special school to create a 'potent' partnership. Everyone benefits when we support each other.
- Trina Sejourant for being flexible and adapting to the needs of learners
- Laura Brake who is incredibly committed and a conscientious member of staff.

Lastly, your child's welfare continues to be our highest priority during face to face support and when studying at home. All our staff are working as normal and are available for advice and support. Please let us know if there is anything which we should be aware of or can help with. The weeks ahead are going to be difficult for all of us, but better days are coming.

If you have any questions, please contact me or the schools.

Many thanks for your support

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Lewis', written in a cursive style.

Richard Lewis

Director SEMH, The White Horse Federation/ Principal, The Peak Academy