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Dear Parent/Carer

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This year has been busier than ever, full of amazing achievements by pupils and staff. The curriculum which we provide for our pupils is so enriched by a multitude of different activities, which I know the pupils have learnt so much from, these things do make this school unique from many others. I hope during the course of the year you have enjoyed seeing these activities published on our [Facebook](#) page. During the course of the year we have been successful in gaining the following awards;

***The Optimus Well-Being Award,
Attachment Aware School status,
Emotion Coaching School status (one of only 3 in the UK)
Investors in Pupils' reawarded July 2019
Enabling Bedale to be awarded status as 'Makaton Friendly Town'- the second in the world!***

Last week we were inspected for the '**Investors in Pupils'** Award and we are delighted to have once again been re-awarded this status. I will send the report out to parents and the letter to pupils, which came with it. I am very pleased in how the report recognises how well we work with parents and families and how well pupils behave, I include below extracts from the report.

Parents praised the school's extensive communication systems including e-mails, texts, newsletters, personal contacts and website information.

Parents feel that their children are listened to, supported and their individual needs are met; 'There is a wonderful atmosphere in school'.

Pupils, parents and staff all believe that behaviour is consistently of a high standard. A parent said that 'behaviour is dealt with sensitively'. On the reassessment day behaviour was genuinely impressive both inside and outside school. Using the new Ofsted criteria it would be judged as 'outstanding'.

Pupil behaviour is a difficult matter to discuss and as you all would expect, in a special school like ours, we have challenging pupils and there are times when both staff and pupils get injured. I would like to thank staff, pupils and families for their understanding and tolerance in regard to this matter, nothing saddens me more than seeing a child or member of staff who is in distress.

Some of you may be aware that in September the **UCI Road World Championship is held in North Yorkshire from the 22nd September 2019 to the 29th September 2019 and will be centered around Harrogate**. This will affect pupils who live in Harrogate and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) are working out how to ensure that pupils get to school and home. *The most significant date for Mowbray School is on Wednesday 25th September 2019*, where one of the days events passes right by school, meaning that the road to school (Masham Road) will be closed from 11am to 3.45pm that day. There will be no problem in pupils getting to school, but they will be delayed returning home and what we are proposing to do is on that day, extend the school day by 30 minutes to 3.45pm and pupils are collected by transport at that time, this is being looked at by NYCC transport staff who will liaise with you and the transport companies. I presume that parents will not mind this change to that day, the

other alternative is to close school for the day, but I do not think that is necessary and we will have such a good view of the cycling race itself! Please follow this link for more information about the [UCI 2019 Road World Championship](#)

You will be aware that over the course of this last year we have been involved in setting up a Primary satellite provision of Mowbray School in Ripon, the provision will be named, **Mowbray School (Ripon)**. The project is well in hand and next week we are given the keys to the school and it becomes our responsibility. During the summer holidays builders will be appointed to complete the first phase of the three year building plan and we will open to pupils in January 2020. We have already recruited teaching staff, some support staff and are close to our target of at least 20 pupils starting in January, several of our existing staff will move across to the Ripon site and our current leadership team will lead the provision from here in Bedale. Next term we will hold an open day, for any parents and interested parties to come and look at the provision and plans for the future.

This end to term has been as busy as ever and I know that staff and pupils alike are tired after a very busy year. I would like to thank and congratulate, all our pupils and staff for making this such a successful year and wish our leavers the very best for the future.

School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 and may I wish all our school community a very pleasant summer break.

Yours sincerely,

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

Jonathan Tearle, Headteacher