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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to share with you that Washington Academy has chosen to work towards being accredited with the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools Award.

Carnegie School of Education based at Leeds Beckett University and Minds Ahead CIC have developed the School Mental Health Award to give schools and academies a framework for whole school mental health development. By embracing the ideals of the award, we are demonstrating a deep commitment to working towards excellent practice as we place the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff at the core of our academy alongside our commitment to having a rich whole school culture where all members of our academy community can thrive.

Alongside this commitment to Mental Health and Wellbeing, Washington Academy will continue its work in all areas of pastoral care and support including Anti Bullying, Health, Safeguarding, Healthy Relationships and all other areas of Student Welfare.

We are inviting all of our Parent/Carers to our Washington Welfare Group, which will enable us to work more closely through this forum focussing on all areas of Student Welfare.

The first Washington Welfare Group meeting will be Thursday 13th October at 3:45pm.

If you would like further information about joining the group, please contact Miss L Coates by email:

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We look forward to sharing how we, as a community, are further developing our practices in relation to mental health and wellbeing and all other aspects of student welfare over the coming months.

Further information about the Mental Health in Schools award can be found on the Leeds Beckett University website <http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/schoolmh>

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Coates

Head of Safeguarding and Wellbeing

