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Dear Lower School Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

As a progressive school looking for improvements in academic and pastoral provision for pupils we are currently using a social-emotional assessment and tracking tool called 'AS Tracking' - the same tool is used at Dean Close Preparatory School and around 150 other schools in both the independent and state sector.

It features a short online questionnaire that generates useful insights into how pupils respond to the everyday challenges of school life in different ways and it is used by HsMs and tutors to support proactive, targeted and evidence-based pastoral care. It adds another piece of the pastoral jigsaw, helping us to build a more rounded picture of each scholar's social and emotional development. Further information on AS Tracking can be found on the following websites: The 'AS Tracking' website: <http://steer.global/parents> and the '[Steering Parents](http://www.steeringparents.org)' website: <http://www.steeringparents.org>.

Please note that AS Tracking does not give pupils a report and the data is only used internally by pastoral and well-being leaders to guide them in supportive, individual pastoral care. Each year, scholars complete the assessment twice and their data creates a narrative of their adolescent social-emotional journey. There is no charge for the assessment and it will only be taken in 2020-21 by the 4th, Remove and 5th year groups. This will happen over the next two weeks and there are options for pupils to download a phone app or take the assessment on a computer.

If you have any questions about the assessment do please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

Justin Slade

