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Dear Parents,

I would like to inform you of an exciting development in our provision of our wellbeing services at Etone College and Sixth Form. I am pleased to announce that we have joined with the Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families and the mental health charity Mind. One of the aims of this partnership is to provide wellbeing support for pupils in Sixth Form. The Schools and Colleges Early Support Service, provided by Anna Freud and Mind will be a free, self-referral service.

The service means that sixth form students who are experiencing mild to moderate anxiety, stress or low mood can self-refer for remote, one on one sessions. If aged 16 -17, pupils must include parent/carer details as part of the referral process.

If the pupil's referral meets the requirements of the service, the pupils will receive sessions delivered remotely by trained practitioners. The school will be informed of the pupil's name when they have accessed the service - this is so we will know they are receiving intervention.

If safeguarding concerns were to arise during the sessions, the Schools and Colleges Early Support Service will contact our key contact and safeguarding lead and the school will follow the usual safeguarding policy once informed.

It is important to note that this is not an emergency service and is not suitable for pupils who are already receiving support for their mental health from another service.

I really hope you will share my excitement of launching this new wellbeing service for our Sixth Form pupils.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Smith
Headteacher

