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Dear Parent/Carer

You may have read an article in the 'Doncaster Free Press' entitled "School Puts a Chip on Pupils", in which it is claimed that students at Hungerhill are having 'every step traced' by a micro-chip embedded in their school uniform. I am writing to clarify the position and to alleviate any concerns you may have as a result of misunderstandings contained in the article.

Over the past six months, ten students have been involved in a project in which a micro-chip has been inserted in the badge on their school jumpers. The micro-chip enables the students to be automatically registered as they enter the classroom and allows the teacher to use a hand held computer to access information about such things as their national curriculum levels, target grades and curriculum. It is not a tracking device and cannot be used outside the school classroom. It does not contain any information that is not already on the school's information management system and can only be used by the teacher involved. The system is being developed by a local company and provides a good example of ICT and enterprise in everyday life, relevant to the students themselves. The students volunteered to take part in this project and it may provide them with knowledge related to modules covering 'ICT and consultation' and 'ICT and enterprise'. Parental permission was given and no issues were raised.

Please be assured that the project is only being used by these ten students and there is no intention to extend it across the school. It is not and cannot be used as a surveillance device and will only work within a two metre distance of the micro-chip.

If you need any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Wainman (Deputy Headteacher) at the school.

Yours sincerely

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