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Dear Parents and Carers

Given that there has been continued speculation in the press and social media, I thought it timely to write to you further to hopefully reassure you that the school continues to move forward in a calm and purposeful fashion. The pupils have not been affected and there really is no difference in the day to day operations.

I have spoke to all pupils in assemblies and made my expectations very clear to them in terms of what I will be looking for going forward. The whole basis of our success in the past has been underpinned with respect, which is at the heart of everything we do. We expect that respect to show itself in the quality of relationships and the willingness to give maximum effort at all times. I have taken several visitors round the school recently and they have all commented on the calm and orderly classrooms and corridors and the welcoming environment.

My main focus at the moment is to look forward to ensuring that the distractions in the press have no impact on our purpose. We have a great school and a school you are proud to send your children to. Nothing has changed. Whatever issues may arise we will get sorted as quickly as possible and in a way that is not to the detriment of quality of education we provide here. We have a wonderful staff who continually go the extra mile because they are committed to children and we have pupils who are proud to wear the blazer.

Monday was the start of the important GCSE season of exams. If you could see the focus of our Year 11 pupils as they entered the Sports Hall ready to give their very best after all the years of preparation, you, like me, would be very proud. The school is in good shape, believe me and there is no need for anyone to think otherwise. Once again, thank you for your continuing support of these past few weeks and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

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