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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to reassure all parents, students and members of the community that whilst there was a minor incident yesterday involving a small penknife, naively brought into school, there was no malicious intent and nobody has been injured.

I would like to apologise for any anxiety or upset caused by not sharing details of yesterday's event more widely with our parent body yesterday, as we were still gathering all the facts in the afternoon and speaking to the people directly involved. The matter was dealt with swiftly and sensitively with the girls involved who are not in school today.

Appropriate actions have been taken with the girls and their families as well as external agencies including police as appropriate. We would appreciate a calm and supportive approach from everyone to avoid sensationalist comments and rumour.

Just also for further information, as you know we are very proactive at FGS regarding safeguarding and educating the girls on staying safe. We had already arranged to have GMP come into school next week to speak to all the girls about recent concerns nationally regarding knife crime. This is part of their Trafford wide strategy and, as the host for the Trafford Safeguarding Network, we are holding the first session.

Many thanks for the support and feedback already received regarding this issue. It has been really useful and helpful to be able to speak directly with parents and carers to understand and address any concerns around this issue. Therefore, I would like to offer a couple of opportunities for you to drop into school to speak to me and the team to address any concerns or questions. I will be available at school on Monday 11th March between 3.30pm and 5pm then again on Tuesday between 6pm and 7pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support as always.

Kind Regards

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