

15th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write with a further update on Thursday's incident.

I'd like to start with the pleasing news that the student involved is now back at home and being supported by family and professionals.

This week, students in the academy continue to receive support in processing last week's incident. Specifically:

- Students absent on Friday have been assessed to determine what support they need going forward
- An education psychologist is on site working with students who will benefit most from this support
- The care plans for students known to be vulnerable have been reviewed to ensure their safety as far as we can
- There is increased supervision of the corridors beside the voids at all movement times

As with the students, staff are also receiving support according to their individual needs. Specifically:

- Our team of Mental Health First Aiders is available to support staff
- All staff have been able to request time to talk one to one with a trained professional
- All staff have access to counselling through our Employee Assistance Programme
- There will be an informal group talking session later this week, hosted by Every Life Matters

We hope also to be able to provide an informal session with Every Life Matters for parents. I will let you know once the date for this has been confirmed.

The independent investigation into the incident and health and safety assessment of the physical environment of the academy commenced yesterday. We expect to see the final report from this next week and will publish this on our website and share it with you as soon as practical.

I hope you find this information useful.

Thank you again for your continued support at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely



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