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Dear Parent/Carer

It is four weeks since I last wrote to you about the incident at the academy on 10th November and this letter is to update you on our progress before the end of the term.

The student involved in the incident continues to make a good recovery at home.

Students and staff at the academy affected by the incident continue to receive support in a variety of forms.

We have received Kym Allan Associates' independent investigation report. I had hoped to be able to share this with you in full, but it is not possible to share any of the report without revealing personal information and therefore The Data Protection Act 2018 means I cannot share the report in full.

I can confirm, however, as mentioned in my previous letter, that the report concludes that academy is safe. It states that "there were no and continue to be no unsafe conditions even as a result of the incident."

I wrote in my last letter that this did not mean, however, that we should not consider adaptations to the building to make it even safer still. To that end, we have engaged an engineering firm to explore options for raising the height of the barrier walls around the void areas and other areas of the academy where there is a similar balcony. Having worked through various solutions, I am pleased to say that we are now in a position to share a preferred solution with you, and to seek your views on it.

To this end, we will be holding a series of consultation events next half term. These will allow you to see and comment on the proposed plans for raising the height of the barrier walls around the void areas. It will also give me the opportunity to share some of the headlines of Kym Allan Associates' report with you, and to answer any questions that you may have regarding this. I will write to you with the dates and timings for these consultation evenings at the start of next term.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the academy and its efforts to ensure your child has a safe and exceptional education. We have been deeply touched by the messages of support for what we are doing and the way we are communicating with you.

I hope that you and your family have a happy and restful Christmas.

Yours faithfully

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