



Dear All,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone across our wonderful community for their support throughout 2024 and continued unity in 2025.

We are aware that members of the local and national media are still looking to speak with members of our school relating to the tragic events in Southport in July 2024 and we expect this to intensify over the coming weeks.

These journalists are highly skilled in encouraging you to speak to them and you may be tempted to share your thoughts or views. However, in doing so this carries an incredible risk.

I would like to remind everyone in our school community that commenting on an individual involved in an ongoing and active court case can significantly and negatively impact court proceedings.

There is a significant risk that someone in our community may be coerced or encouraged into passing comments that could be found to affect or influence any potential jury in upcoming proceedings.

That is why it is imperative that members of the community do not speak to the media prior to or while this case is ongoing and I have instructed my staff, and strongly advised governors and trustees to adhere to this approach.

It is also vital to be aware that anything you share or write on social media can also be harmful to court proceedings and I again make the request to avoid this to ensure that fair and unimpeded justice is carried out.

Thank you,

Mr McGarry

Headteacher