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Dear Parents/Carers, Staff, Students, Governors and our wider school community,

We are aware that members of the local and national media are currently trying to speak with members of our school community relating to the tragic events in Southport earlier this year.

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 into passing comments that could be found to affect or influence any potential jury in a future proceeding.

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

This request is issued to ensure that fair and unimpeded justice is carried out.

With thanks for your support in this important issue.



Mike McGarry
Headteacher