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Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing with reference to the incident that occurred at school yesterday and which has received prominent news coverage. I know that reading the coverage on this incident will leave a lot of you with concerns and worries, which I fully understand, and I want to reassure you that this was a very isolated and contained incident which was immediately dealt with in the appropriate manner by staff at the school, and as a result the police and ambulance were called.

The incident involved a child receiving an injury from what we understand to be a comb prong and was not the result of any type of blade. The matter is being investigated by the police and I am pleased to say that the student who sustained the injury was released from hospital yesterday and is now recovering at home.

Media involvement can escalate anxiety and whilst matters such as this understandably raise questions and concerns amongst parents and carers, I can assure you that this will be fully and appropriately dealt with.

The necessary support and action is being taken by the school for those involved and we have also spoken with all of our students today to reassure them.

A video has been shown to everyone on Daily Messages this morning and Form Tutors have then discussed the content with their students, who have remained calm and positive. We will be focusing on our messages and actions around positive behaviour and outcomes, as well as working with the police as part of our Safer Schools Partnership and other outside agencies to ensure those positive messages are reinforced.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support.

Yours sincerely

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