



HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

20th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that for many of our families you had a restful and recharging period of time over the week break. I do however know that for many of our community the ongoing city-wide concern around serious youth violence continues and several of the recent events have brought those concerns into our immediate community of East Central Bristol. It is therefore understandable that many of our young people and their families may have knowledge or relationships to those who have been directly most affected by recent incidents. For those families we send our heartfelt best wishes and support.

In terms of wider support, it is paramount at this time that we pull together as a community to support each other but also our young people who will be particularly challenged navigating and making sense of recent events. In order to best do that I include some resources below provided by the local authority safeguarding team as well as Avon and Somerset Police who have launched a dedicated webpage [accessible here](#).

[Looking after a child following trauma](#)

[Bereavement and Loss Guidance for Parents/Carers](#)

[Supporting Young People after a Frightening Event](#)

Now, more than ever, is the time for us to come together to support each other and our children and to do so from a place of respect, positivity and hope.

As part of this effort, please continue to check on your child's social media activity. There are unhelpful social media posts going round, which are sharing misinformation or rumours. Our children are not the cause of this, but it is really important that they do not share, like or comment on such posts. We also strongly recommend that they leave any groups where such posts are being shared.

Local agencies continue to work closely with all educational settings to ensure young people remain safeguarded across our city and we will continue to pass on any relevant advice and information for parents/carers as and when it is made available to us.

As always, please do speak to your young people about any concerns they may have and encourage them to speak to their Tutor, House Team or Safeguarding Team (or any trusted adult within the Academy) about any concerns or information they may wish to share with us and we will support them (and families) to process recent events.

Best wishes,

Cameron Shaw
Principal

