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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had some peaceful family time over Easter. We have loved welcoming everyone back after the holidays and continuing to move towards some sort of normality, despite the ongoing safety measures and restrictions.

You may have seen, over the Easter holiday, press coverage of allegations about sexual harassment in schools around the country. I have discussed this with the leadership team in the Trust and we thought it important to write to you about our Trust position and approach.

It is important that you know that we take any such allegations extremely seriously. Thankfully allegations of this nature are very rare in our schools but we do not assume that such incidents cannot happen or that somehow we are immune from such things, despite the very high standards we uphold and the values we live by. In the case of any allegation we support the complainant and investigate properly, with care for the people involved. As you may be aware we also discuss and teach about appropriate and safe relationships in our RSE curriculum and make our young people aware of what constitutes an abusive relationship.

We are passionate about having a safe and caring environment for every single child and young person in our Trust and, in the light of the very disturbing press coverage and the natural concerns that will flow from this, you are reassured on our absolute commitment to keeping your children safe.



Amy Rice, Chief Executive Officer