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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you following the appalling terrorist attack at the Manchester Arena on Monday 22 May 2017. All our thoughts are with the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones or have been injured or traumatised.

You will be aware from reports in the local media that there is an increased number of police, including armed patrols, out in communities following this week's incident. These are general patrols aimed at providing community reassurance and there is no need to be alarmed. Greater Manchester Police (GMP) are not advising any schools to close. We will continue to work closely with GMP over the next few days and follow the advice they give to us directly.

As ever, our whole school staff will continue to ensure the safety of our children, the security of our school buildings, and will remain vigilant at all times.

We appreciate that these terrible events will be distressing for your daughter and the whole school community. We will remain open as usual and we appreciate your support in keeping the day as calm and normal as possible for our students. We have many staff that will support students if they are in need of additional reassurance and we have access to Educational Psychology Services should anybody require further support.

Over the next few weeks we will follow mental wellbeing advice issued by the NHS to support children at such times. All advice focuses on maintaining everyday routines and habits. This has been the approach by the school through the last few days. If you have any specific concerns about your daughter please contact her Pastoral Manager in the first instance.

There are also a number of websites that parents may feel are useful in talking to children who have been affected by the news of the event.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

<http://www.srft.nhs.uk/media-centre/latest-news/mental-wellbeing-advice-manchester-arena-incident/>

If you have any other concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact school, via the main reception, and we will do our very best to support you.

I thank you for your continued support of our school during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,



Dr J. MacKinnon, PhD
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