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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

I just wanted to take a moment to write to you about something that happened in school yesterday.

During the day, a student in one of our younger year groups made it known to a couple of other children that they had brought a small bladed item into school with them.

While it does not appear that this student had any plans to cause harm, this is clearly a significant breach of our school rules and ethos. The child was immediately suspended and, in line with our policies, a permanent exclusion is now progressing.

I think it is important that we acknowledge the students who immediately notified staff of the issue. They handled the situation brilliantly, and they should be applauded for their mature and calm approach. Because of their actions, we were able to quickly deal with this, with minimal disruption. In fact, the vast majority of our students were not aware that it had happened.

While sanctions are important, it is equally as important that we take every opportunity to help educate other students and help them make the right choices. Our work in this area has been consistently praised by the likes of Ofsted as being a "strength" of our school, and we will continue to work tirelessly to support and guide our young people.

While we are unable to go into any further details about this specific incident, please get in touch if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks

Mr A Kelly Headteacher



