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Dear Parents and Carers,

Safeguarding Issue

I would like to update you with the information that I can following my letter to you on Thursday 5th December.

As you know the school was made aware of a safeguarding issue late on Friday afternoon 29th November. I can now tell you that an individual has been arrested following this. The police investigation is ongoing and this process will take a number of months to ensure that all lines of enquiry are fully investigated.

The school is working closely with the police and taking advice from the Local Authority, who is providing an oversight to the investigation to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children.

The school is anticipating that the first part of the investigation will be completed before we break for the Christmas holidays.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me in the first instance. For the children we have worry boxes in each class and on the playground that can be used to share any concerns. The content of these boxes is being reviewed on a regular basis and support being offered as appropriate.

I would like to reassure you that immediate action has been taken to contain this issue and there is no ongoing risk. I give you my assurance that the safety and security of our pupils is our number one priority at all times.

I would like to thank the community for their support of the school in what is an extremely difficult time for all concerned. We appreciate your actions to limit speculation, as this is supporting the police with their investigation.

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher
Mark Blackwell
Hampshire Local Authority Designated Officer

