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Dear parent / carer

I am writing with an update further to the MCAS message you received earlier today.

I will start with a brief outline of what happened this morning:

- At 8.30am, the school received a threatening pre-recorded message over the phone. Staff passed this information to leaders immediately. Leaders rang this straight through to 999.
- The pupils were not brought into the building at the usual time of 8.45am and moved to the MUGA area (with staff).
- The police attended and risk assessed the threatening message and swept the site (as a precaution).
- As the sports area was swept first, we were able to bring the pupils into the building. This was determined in coordination with the police.
- By 10.00am, pupils returned to form rooms. I conducted short assemblies with all year groups explaining what had happened. Lessons resumed from breaktime onwards and the school day continued as per normal.

A number of parents/carers arrived at school to remove their children during the morning, despite my My Child at School message and despite form time / lessons being delivered as per normal from 10.00am. Although I recognise a parent/carer's right to request that their child comes out of school, this was both unnecessary and added a layer of challenge and distraction this morning. As you know from the malicious threat in October, we will evacuate and dismiss **if that is the appropriate course of action agreed by the police and by the school**. On both occasions we have got our messaging out to parents/carers as quickly as possible to avoid any misinformation or speculation.

I must reassure parent/carers again that the safety of the school community remains my top priority and responsibility and will be at the heart of all decisions made. We will treat any further malicious threats with exactly the same level of seriousness and work with the police to determine an appropriate course of action.

We continue to liaise with the police with regard to the malicious threats. Please help us in supporting this investigation by avoiding speculation or misinformation.

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