



Da Vinci Academy
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a happy and restful summer and that your child is excited to be back at school for the new academic year. It is certainly lovely to have the school full of young people and buzzing again.

Now that the new term has started, I wanted to write to you to let you know of an important matter that you may have read about in the local press and that is likely to be covered again in the coming weeks.

Late last year we were made aware that there were serious allegations regarding a former member of staff. Safeguarding is our top priority, and we will never compromise on this. We have the most rigorous processes in place and as soon as the allegations came to our attention, we informed all relevant authorities and suspended this individual. His employment with the academy has subsequently ended.

Last month this former member of staff, Jordan Roberts, appeared in court, charged by police with a number of offences of a sexual nature. He is due to be in court again in a few weeks. We have been shocked and deeply disappointed to learn of these allegations and have been liaising closely with the police in their investigation, as well as providing all the support we can to any student affected.

Because the legal proceedings are active, I am limited to what I can say to you today, or I will be in breach of court laws. Indeed, I should let you know that these same laws apply to us all, so I would urge you not to comment on this matter publicly, including on social media, so that you are protecting yourself. I would also urge you to closely monitor your children's social media activity, as the same laws also apply to them.

I will ensure that I continue to keep you updated as this case progresses, but please do let me know if you have any questions, and I will do my best to answer them.

Yours faithfully,

Ann Donaghy
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