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Dear parent or carer,

I wanted to get in touch with you regarding a serious matter, which our staff had to deal with this morning relating to a student who was new to the school. As you know, we pride ourselves on the high standards and expectations, which we have as a school. The incident, which occurred this morning, resulted in the physical assault of two members of staff. There is a rumour relating to the student having a weapon – I would like to be clear that this is categorically untrue. However, this is an incident which is unprecedented in the nine years I have been Headteacher here and, as a result, the student will never set foot in the building again.

Unfortunately, many schools across the country have to deal with incidents of physical assaults against staff on a frequent basis. It is a measure of our behaviour culture that the incident this morning has never happened before and, as a result, shocked both staff and students. Many of our students expressed concerns about staff welfare, which was good to hear. I can confirm that our two colleagues will be in work tomorrow as normal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all colleagues who were involved in dealing with such a difficult situation. Their actions were exemplary.

We have excellent standards at Pudsey Grammar School and our staff work tirelessly to ensure that this is a safe and positive place for both students and staff. We are extremely proud of what the Department for Education recognised as our 'exceptional behaviour culture' and we will continue to ensure that this is maintained every single day.

Yours sincerely,



Mark McKelvie
Headteacher