



# BELFAST MODEL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Principal: Ms P Stuart, B. Ed, PQH NI, M. Ed



13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You may be aware of ongoing social media commentary in relation to an incident that occurred in our school playground on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

We are aware of various claims circulating on social media which has unfortunately led to increased tensions in our community, negatively impacting on student wellbeing and their sense of safety. I want to assure you that we take the safety and well-being of all our pupils very seriously. We are working closely with the Education Authority (EA) and the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) to address this matter appropriately.

It is important to note that, contrary to some reports, there is no evidence to support the inaccurate claims or fears being expressed on social media around pupil safety and we would ask for your support in helping to stop the spread of such information.

Our priorities are:

1. To protect and support all students, especially those directly impacted by the incident.
2. To maintain a safe and inclusive learning environment for everyone in our school community.

We kindly ask for your support in the following ways:

1. Please discuss with your children any concerns they have about the situation openly and calmly.
2. Encourage your children to speak with our staff if they have any worries or information to share.
3. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school directly. We have robust pastoral care arrangements in place to support all pupils.
4. Help us maintain a safe environment by refraining from sharing or engaging with speculation on social media.

Our school is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all our pupils. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to address this situation in the best interests of our entire school community.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing your child in school tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

P Stuart  
Principal

Cc Jacqueline Weir, Chairperson of the Board of Governors

