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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Year 10 Serious Incident today

Sadly, I am writing to inform you that today, we have discovered that a student in Year 10 brought a weapon onto school premises.

Fortunately, we were able to intervene and working closely with our Safer Schools Officer who was on site, the weapon was retrieved and all students have been kept safe.

I have held an emergency assembly with all students in Year 10 at the end of the day, to make them aware of the danger and at the same time, to help them to feel reassured, including reminding our students of how to report anything of concern to a member of staff **without delay**. This is an essential part of keeping each other safe. Immediately after the assembly, staff were available to speak with any students who may have been affected by the situation. I have also encouraged your children to discuss this with you at home.

At Rooks Heath School, any such incident is deemed very serious and treated with the highest level of sanction. We also put in place various measures to raise awareness and minimise the risk of any safeguarding incidents. As you may be aware, only last week, our Safer Schools Police Team attended to deliver assemblies about keeping safe with students across all year groups.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support and if you have any concerns, please feel free to contact the Head of Year or a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Miriam Manderson
Headteacher