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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the sentencing at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday, we are extremely mindful of the distress, pain and shock that the information shared has caused to our community, but particularly to our families that have been directly impacted by the attack on the 29th July.

With this in mind, we would like to reiterate a couple of things;

As a school we want to remember Elsie as the little girl with the super, beaming smile, who loved life, school and her friends and family. As the little girl who loved to perform, sing, dance and be on the stage. Elsie was adored by her friends and known by everyone in school due to the sparkle in her eyes, her infectious energy, caring nature and charismatic personality.

We would like you to continue to be very mindful of our Farnborough families in our community who have been directly impacted by this incident. These families involved deserve to come to our schools feeling safe and secure. They have asked that you do not speak to them directly about what you have read or heard and continue to be mindful of how we communicate with each other in the coming weeks and months ahead.

We will also continue to support you as our community as we navigate through these most difficult of times together. From our training we have learnt to use 3 important words with our children, We recognise their feelingsI know you are **sad**, We acknowledge thatthis is extremely **rare** and Importantly we help them to feel safeyou are **safe** here.

If you need to talk and ask for advice please let us know. We have also arranged two drop-ins for adults in First Steps Family Wellbeing Centre on Thursday 30th January at 8.50am and Friday 7th February at 8.50am.

If you need any additional guidance you may also find this a useful source of information <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/southport-together/>

It's difficult to put into words how amazing Elsie was and the impact she had on those around her. We miss you, Elsie. You were one of a kind and will live forever in the hearts of our Farnborough family.

We thank you, as always, for your continued support and kindness towards each other as we continue on this journey together.

Yours sincerely,

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