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Dear Parent/Carer

Serious incident at Turriff Academy

You may be aware that a serious incident took place at lunchtime in Turriff Academy playground on 9 March 2017. This incident was filmed and shared by a number of youngsters.

Incidents of this nature, though rare, are always fully investigated and the youngsters involved have been dealt with through the School and Aberdeenshire Councils behaviour policies.

Police Scotland have also been informed.

I have also held assemblies with all pupils today to inform them that the incident has been dealt with and if they have any concerns should speak with their Guidance Teacher or Year Head.

They have also been reminded of their responsibility with regard to social media and the negative impact of sharing materials such as this. I would appreciate if you could help to ensure that any video footage of this specific incident has been removed from your child's device. As you are aware we have a school Facebook page with clear protocol and if you have any concerns they should not be aired on Facebook. Concerns should be communicated directly with the school.

I would like to remind all pupils and parents/carers that social media sites are in the public forum and that posts may well reach a wider audience than intended. I have been advised by our Legal and Governance Department that making abusive or offensive comments can result in the imposition of civil and/or criminal sanctions. Therefore, I would ask that any inappropriate postings be removed.

I would like to reassure you that as a school we aim to keep all our young people and staff safe from harm and continue to review current practices and procedures to help to reduce incidents of this nature. If you have any continued concerns please contact your child's Guidance Teacher in the first instance.

Thank you for your anticipated support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Menzies
Head Teacher