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Dear parents/carers,

I wanted to write to you about the incident that happened at our school earlier this week, and the growing debate and discussions there have been around that.

For those of you who are unaware, on Monday there was a very unpleasant altercation between two students at our school.

While this was dealt with quickly, it led to a small number of additional altercations to occur between nine other students. These were also dealt with quickly. This is clearly not acceptable, and we are working with the students concerned to both understand the reasons for their actions and ensure that robust sanctions are issued in line with our policies.

While there is lots of misunderstanding and speculation about the incident, it has also, understandably, brought other questions and concerns to the fore.

As a school we have always sought to address any problems head on, and we are saddened that there are some comments from parents who think that is not the case. We would like to meet with every parent who has made a comment and offer them the opportunity to sit down with the Principal and the CEO to discuss any concerns that they have. We will not be responding to social media.

While we will always hold our hands up if we can enhance how we do things, we also have to ask for your support. Some of the comments and allegations on social media that threaten students and other parents and make libellous comments about staff are simply not acceptable. We understand that there are frustrations, and we want to respond to that, but we also can't ignore such behaviour. While you are more than free to share your views about the school, I would urge you to consider what you have posted and remove anything that is threatening or defamatory about an individual. We all only want the very best for your children.

Our community is this school's strength, but that can only be the case if we all treat each other with respect and understanding.

Many thanks,

Ms K Dixon  
Principal  
On behalf of the Frank Field Education Trust.