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Dear Parents/Carers

It is with a heavy heart that we write to you today following the deeply tragic incident that occurred at a nearby Sheffield school, where a student lost their life due to an act of violence. Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with the family, friends, and school community affected by this heartbreaking loss.

We understand that this news is incredibly distressing, and as parents/carers, you may have general concerns about your child's safety and well-being. Please know that at Shirebrook Academy, the safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority and that we are committed to maintaining a secure and supportive environment for every child who walks through our doors. As you will be aware we regularly practice our lockdown procedures, have full perimeter security and CCTV in key locations around the building.

Today we held assemblies to all year groups reiterating our commitment to safety and the important role that we all share in keeping each other safe. Many of our children had heard about the tragedy through social media and in the national news and it was important that we came together as a community to show our care and support.

If you feel your child is struggling to process this tragedy, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for additional resources. We encourage you to have age-appropriate discussions with your children about safety, emotions, and seeking support when needed.

Our community is strong and caring, and we will navigate this difficult time together with compassion and resilience. Please know that we are here for you and your children, and that we will continue to do everything in our power to provide a safe and nurturing environment for learning.

Thank you for your trust, partnership, and support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Burgin
Principal

All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

