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Dear parent/carer

You may have read an article in local news regarding the former Head teacher and former Assistant Head teacher at Kirkburton Middle which makes reference to an historical breach in adhering to the Trust's safeguarding processes and procedures. This breach related to an incident in October 2018 which came to light in October 2019.

Both of the individuals concerned have not worked in the school since the investigation and the school has been under new leadership since that time.

We would like to reassure parents, that the school has robust reporting procedures in place and any safeguarding concerns are dealt with in line with national guidance and always with children at the heart of decisions. There are a team of staff trained to manage specific safeguarding matters and robust procedures in place to ensure all staff, regardless of role, are up-to-date with training and fully compliant with the correct reporting processes.

The school's new leadership team, under Mr Taylor's direction, have brought about significant improvements in the school since the time of the Ofsted Inspection, despite the added challenges of the pandemic, and there is a drive and determination to ensure the highest standards of pastoral care and academic success for every child. Ensuring safeguarding is at the centre of school improvement has been, and will continue to be, a significant priority.

Kind regards



On behalf of the Trust Board