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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your family are keeping well.

Many of you will be aware of the significant news stories concerning a member of our local community. I know that this news will of course have come as a shock to you, as it has to all of us, and that you will join me in sending all our thoughts and best wishes to everyone affected by this incident.

We know you will understand that it is not appropriate to comment on speculation at this time, while relevant authorities follow the proper procedures. We also need to give those impacted as much privacy as possible during this very challenging period. However, as a tight-knit community we felt it was important that you heard directly from us at this moment, as I know the news will have been upsetting for many of you.

I fully appreciate that schools have an important part to play within every community, especially during times of adversity. We will be doing all we can to support those affected, and should your child require any further support please do not hesitate to get in touch using the following email address [principal-pa@oiea.co.uk](mailto:principal-pa@oiea.co.uk)

I will address the issue directly with students in the morning and help to explain how tight-knit communities come together, show strength in unity, and help to support those who need it.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding, which is integral during a time like this.

Yours faithfully

Simon Leach  
Principal