

Friday 26th May 2016

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you at the end of what has been a very challenging week in school for our young people to thank you for all the additional support that you have given to the school at this time.

This week our community has been shocked and greatly affected by the events at the Manchester Arena on Monday night. However, in the days that have followed they have also had to cope with additional concerns and worries that have been raised in the media. For many of our students this has been during a period when they have been preparing for and have taken their GCSE examinations.

Within school we have given students the space to talk through concerns and questions with their form teachers and other pastoral staff. Where students have needed additional support this has been provided through our mentors and safeguarding teams. We have also brought in additional specialist support agencies, when it has been needed. Over the last two days we have marked our respect through expressing our condolences and our commitment to our own community. Yesterday's one minute silence during break time was an extremely poignant moment, and today students are writing messages of condolence and community unity to display on our 'Love Manchester : Choose Love' wall.

Our students have shown remarkable resilience and compassion at this time. However, I am aware that as time goes on there may be a need for further support. As a school we will continue to monitor students and look to support them individually. Through our 'Life Skills' programme we will explore with students the impact of terrorism and the need for community cohesion.

Today we will issue students with a letter that signposts external support that can be accessed through the holiday, and indeed at any other time, should they wish to talk about any worries they have.

The details of these are:

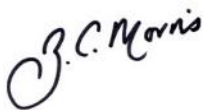
- ChildLine: www.childline.org.uk- 0800 1111
- Kooth: Free online support for young people. <https://kooth.com/>
- ChatHealth NHS: A messaging service for young people to get advice about health related issues. They can be accessed by texting 07507330205. They can then arrange an appointment with a school nurse. This is confidential advice and support.

There are also a number of drop in session over the half term for children, young people and their families to access information whilst schools are closed. A team of trained and experienced professionals will be available onsite at the venues and times below in order to provide information and advice to students and parents, to promote the emotional health and wellbeing of children, during this particularly difficult period should they need it.

Tuesday May 30 th	10am - 3pm	The South Learning Centre, Burnage Academy for Boys Social Inclusion Learning Centre (at the back of the school),60 Broadhill Road, Manchester, M19 1AG
Wednesday May 31 st	10am - 3pm	The Green Room, Chorlton High School, Nell Lane, Manchester, M21 7SL
Thursday June 1 st	10am - 3pm	Sunshine Room, Moss Side Millennium Powerhouse,140 Raby St, Manchester,M14 4SL
Friday June 2 nd	10am - 3pm	Abraham Moss School Inclusion Centre (on the left hand side of the High School entrance), Crescent Road, Crumpsall, M8 5UF
Tuesday May 30 th to Friday June 2nd	2pm – 5pm	The Factory Youth Zone, 931 Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, Manchester, M9 8AE

Once again thank you for your continued support of our school during these challenging times. I wish all students and their families a peaceful and relaxing half term break.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Z Morris
Headteacher