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8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Many of you will be aware of an incident which happened outside of school on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023, involving one of our students in a physical altercation with an adult who does not work at the school. A video of the incident has circulated on social media and we appreciate that this will have been distressing to watch.

The school is working closely with council officers at the Local Authority and the police in relation to this incident. The incident remains part of a live police investigation and the school are therefore limited in the information that we can provide at this stage. We feel, however, that it is important to ask for your support in avoiding wider speculation and to clarify the following facts:

- The incident did not take place on school grounds or during school hours, as reported in some comments on social media.
- The incident was reported to the Met police straightaway and is part of an ongoing investigation.
- The adult involved in the incident was banned from coming anywhere near the school site by the school and police. This ban remains in place, to ensure that safety is paramount for our whole community.
- The student involved has been fully supported by school with a safety plan put in place.
- The police have informed us that although the incident was not reported as a hate crime by the victim or victim's family, they are considering whether it was racially motivated as part of their investigation.
- Robust steps have been taken by the school to investigate the involvement of any GHS students and appropriate behaviour sanctions will apply, in line with our usual school policies.

We are proud of Greenford High school's reputation as a thriving multicultural, diverse school with students and staff from many different cultures and faiths. We take the safeguarding of all our communities extremely seriously and we will always report serious incidents to the police. We are urging parents / carers to avoid speculating further, or to act in a way that may undermine what is an ongoing police investigation.

I hope you understand that it is not possible to comment any further at this stage.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M Pye  
Headteacher

Mr S Chana  
Chair of Governors