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Dear Parent or Carer,

Today we held an assembly to discuss the use of racist language in school following some specific incidents. During the assembly some students raised concerns which were already being dealt with and continue to be dealt with by the school and the Academy Trust.

Unfortunately, some students decided to leave the assembly and place the health and safety of staff and students at risk with poor behaviour. This behaviour was unacceptable and has no part in the operation of Smestow school. The safety of your child is our number one concern.

Parents and students have contacted me this evening to express their concern around social media posts and suggestions of continued poor behaviour. I need to be clear that should any student place the health and safety of anyone at risk, or do not follow staff instructions, we will apply either a fixed term or a permanent exclusion. There will be no reasons accepted for this type of behaviour. We wish to do everything we can to avoid this type of sanction.

As a school we continue to value, and encourage, students who raise their concerns appropriately and we will listen.

Today we have attempted to speak to parents or carers of those students involved and will continue tomorrow with those of you who were unavailable today. If you would like to contact us regarding this issue please email enquiries@smestow.uwmat.co.uk. Details of the complaints policy can be found on our website should this be helpful.

Finally can I state that I am proud to lead an ethnically diverse school. We are a community with many backgrounds and mutual respect is at the heart of what Smestow school believes in. We will continue to ensure that respect is in place for all our community.

Yours faithfully,

D. Smith
Interim Head of School