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Dear Parents / Carers

Following the terrible events at Manchester Arena last night, I wanted to write to you to reassure you that we are supporting students in school that are feeling upset and unsettled by this tragic incident.

We are in contact with the local authority and our local cluster to ensure that we are able to offer the right support to children and young people who, understandably, have questions and worries about what has happened. Your child may want to talk to you about this and the advice we have been given is that it is important to reassure them that it is very unlikely that any of us will ever be hurt in this way and that a number of people have been working very hard to help everyone affected in Manchester. There are some websites that may be of assistance to your child if they are feeling upset, which are:

Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/> [0800 1111]
Advice if you are upset <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

There are of course young people from Leeds that have been directly affected and it is really important that we give those young people and families space to come to terms with what has happened, without feeling pressure to discuss the incident before they are ready or to deal with speculation.

Our thoughts as a whole school community are with everyone affected by this tragic incident. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any particular concerns about your child.

Yours sincerely



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