



Orchard Primary & Pre-School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am very disappointed to be writing to you today but, given the circumstances, I feel I have little other choice.

On Friday I was contacted by Worcester News and informed that a parent had contacted them with information regarding a Y10 work experience student. This information appears to have come from a series of social media conversations that have also been shared with the paper; these obviously include the names of the contributors. The content of the allegation is incorrect and therefore we have urged them to reconsider publishing the story due to the inaccuracies and the potential impact on a vulnerable minor. We await their response.

I was made aware by a concerned parent earlier in the week that rumours were circulating regarding the work experience student so I sent out a text message informing you that a minor incident had happened and to reassure you that it had been swiftly dealt with. For your reference your children were amazing; when the minor indiscretion happened they quickly reported it to the staff on duty enabling me to deal with it appropriately.

As a school we teach the children respect, tolerance, kindness and safety which they demonstrated on the day in question. I am therefore saddened that parents would gossip about a minor in a public domain without first verifying the facts.

If you ever have any concerns about the safety of your children, you know that you can always contact me and the appropriate procedures will always be followed. Our Complaints Policy is on our website to protect everyone.

Kind regards

Sarah Bitcon
Head Teacher