

20th February 2024



Dear Parents

I hope you are well and had an enjoyable half term.

I felt it was important to write to you all about a headline that appeared in the Liverpool Echo just before half-term, as there are a number of points, I think it would be helpful to clarify and provide reassurance on.

For those of you who may have missed it, the school was recently notified that the Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA) has started an investigation regarding allegations about the conduct of our Headteacher.

From the information that we have, all the allegations that have been raised by the complainant have been investigated by the school and other external parties on numerous occasions in the past, some of them have also been reported widely in the press. That is why, in many ways, going to the TRA was the inevitable next step for the complainant. We welcome the TRA's involvement, and we will support the investigation in any way that we can and feel more than confident that the TRA will reach a sensible and pragmatic decision based on facts rather than speculation and misrepresentation.

We would also like to reassure you that we are of course, supporting the Headteacher and have confidence in her leadership. It is important that you know we have followed all the due processes that are required of us in such a situation and have managed the complaint correctly and appropriately.

I do, however, appreciate that the news about the TRA's investigation coming so soon on the back of the announcement about Ms Yates' phased retirement may raise some questions.

It is important to reiterate that Ms Yates' decision to start preparations for her retirement was discussed with Trustees long before we became aware of the submission to the TRA. The process to appoint a Co-Headteacher started in December 2023 and was recently concluded which we shared with you shortly afterwards.

Finally, on behalf of Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team, we wanted to say thank you for your support. During my visit today school was calm and purposeful, and the focus was very much on the needs of our brilliant students.

If you do have any questions or queries, then please do get in touch with one of us.

Many thanks,

Kind regards

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