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Dear Parents/Carers

We want to recognise the tragic event and impact of the explosion at Manchester Arena on Monday night and send our condolences to anybody affected. All our thoughts are with the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones or have been injured or traumatised.

You will be aware from reports in the local media that there is an increased number of police, including armed patrols out in communities following this week's incident. These are general patrols aimed at providing community reassurance and there is no need to be alarmed. There is no intelligence relating to a threat to schools and Greater Manchester Police (GMP) are not advising any schools to close. We will continue to work closely with GMP over the next few days and follow the advice they give to us directly.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that at Marlborough Road Academy, as always, we continue to make safety a priority during this difficult time. We have spoken to the children about Monday's events in age appropriate assemblies and all staff, including our Key Workers, are available for pupils to talk to, should they wish. The school nurse has also offered her services to work with any individuals or families who are particularly affected. There are also a number of websites that parents may feel are useful in talking to children who have been affected by the news of the event.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

As a school we continue to stress our values of friendship and caring and to continue with our normal routines. We hope you will support us in bringing our community together, as we move forward in the next days, weeks and months.

Many thanks

The team at Marlborough Road Academy

