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Dear Parents/Carers

SERIOUS CASE REVIEW

Many of you will have seen in the news and on social media the details of the report of the Child Q serious case review and in it, the treatment of a schoolgirl by the Police at another Hackney School. The report makes for distressing reading and such events should not have happened. Given the gravity of this matter, we felt it was important to give reassurance to parents/carers and to share our response.

Cardinal Pole Catholic School is committed to the creation of an inclusive and safe learning environment for all students. Our safeguarding practices and policies are robust and do not reflect those outlined in this report. The seriousness of this incident and the wide-ranging recommendations of the report mean that we will, however, be conducting a review of our practice and how we work with external organisations so that we can be completely satisfied that we are doing everything we can to not only keep children safe, but also to challenge discrimination and racism. If your child has been affected by the recent news, please advise them to speak to their Head of Year, Pastoral Support Manager or Form Tutor, or any member of the Safeguarding Team.

The attached letter from the Local Authority explains more about their actions and the importance of protecting the confidentiality of the child involved and their family.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Heffernan

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER