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Dear Parent/Carer

As I am sure you are all aware a serious incident took place in the early hours of Sunday 29th January in Walsall town centre that resulted in a young man losing his life. Understandably, this has caused tension within the local community.

On Friday, rumours circulated on social media of a planned retaliation in the local area. As a school we contacted the police to make them aware of the rumoured threat and to seek advice. The police did not feel that there was a need for a police presence as this would have heightened concerns, although, they have increased the number of units within the local area. A decision was made to release pupils over a staggered 20-minute period so that everyone could leave calmly and safely. All pupils were escorted off site and there was no incident of any nature outside of the school or in the local area during this time.

We continue to be open to our pupils and students and expect all of our young people to attend school every day. We will continue to take advice from the police and relevant services and want to ensure you that the safety and wellbeing of each and every child and adult at the school is our priority.

If you do receive any information that suggests the safety and wellbeing of anyone in our community is at risk then please contact the police.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Seager', with a horizontal line underneath.

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