

Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Communication from Mrs Savage re Incidents in community.

Dear Parents and Carers of JPCE,

When we speak we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afraid. So it is better to speak." Audre Lorde.

I have been as upset and shocked at some points this week hearing about incidents of violence and intimidation against some of our students.

As you know I speak my mind. I debated sending private emails to families or to certain year groups who are impacted but we are a strong rainbow community and that in the end felt more divisive. I write to you all as I always do. With honesty.

Older children outside our school have reportedly targeted some of our younger children. Older children deliberately targeting younger children is bullying. Bullying is not acceptable. JPCE-Anti-Bullying-2022-v2.pdf (bonitas.org.uk)

I have spoken to many of the different families involved, secondary colleagues, the social care team and our local police team in the PCSO's. The advice to everyone is the same. If you have an issue that needs reporting let the police know. Report it to us in school if you can and we will help direct you. Write clear statements on how this has impacted you. Your voice matters.

Children need to know that telling tales and reporting are two wholly different matters. Please talk to your children and ask them if they'd know what to do if they saw a problem. Ask them who they'd trust to tell. Ask them if there's anyone who's worried them. We have done the same in school.

I will monitor the secretary@ email over the holidays for the sole purpose of hearing any cases needing help.

I wish you and your families a peaceful break. Yours sincerely

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Liz Savage

Headteacher of Jennett's Park CE Primary





