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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you all for your support following the lockdown on Monday afternoon.

As I am sure you are aware a number of schools including St George's received an email on Monday threatening the safety of the children and staff. We will always treat such threats seriously until we are told otherwise – the police were contacted and we locked down the school.

The safety and wellbeing of the children is central to everything we do. In this situation the school senior leadership team decided, in line with policy, that the best course of action was to take the children into the hall where they could watch a film whilst being safely away from external windows. During this time children were supervised by all staff in school with a small number of staff monitoring the situation and liaising with the Trust leadership and the police. The children were not informed of the threat as we did not want to cause any anxiety – they were told we were having a special assembly. As soon as it was confirmed that the email was a hoax the children returned to class.

I would like to thank all staff for their calm and quick action, the children for their amazing behaviour throughout and of course all families for their invaluable support.

We always review policies and procedures after such events and this process has begun by talking with all staff and senior leaders.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support

Louise Oddy Headteacher