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### News Report

I am sure you have all seen the inaccurate and misleading news reports over the weekend.

I did prepare a two page response for you all to read, but have decided against sending you all of it, as the parents I have spoken today, can see for themselves what has happened. It is because of their actions that certain newspapers had to withdraw the stories they published.

I will simply say that the editor of the Gazette has apologised to me and I will resolve the matter with them privately.

What I would like to say to you is that the parents and parishioners of this school community, present and past, have been amazing. Past pupils have shown incredible support – something I am truly grateful for. The parents I have met at school this morning were simply wonderful: supportive and completely understanding. I know they have been online and voiced their support and condemnation of the initial misleading report. I know many people used social media to be a force of good with their positive and supportive comments. There are too many to thank individually, but please know how grateful I am. I will never be able to adequately tell you what this has meant. I have received cards showing support, messages and emails and visits from families to simply show that they care. This school community was not prepared to sit back and say nothing and I thank you for that. It is a wonderful community because of the values you live by.

On behalf of myself, and all of my family, I would like to publicly thank you for your loyalty and unwavering support.

Thank you so much.

**Mr M Ryan**  
**Head Teacher**

12th June 2017

