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Dear parents/carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to write to all of our families as we are aware that you may have questions or concerns about the presence of police officers near the school site in recent weeks and in TESCO carpark yesterday at collection time.

As we hope you are aware from the letter we sent out on the 14th January, we have been increasingly concerned at some of the activity taking place on the streets and a property near school. We have worked hard to raise our concerns on behalf of the children, staff and families that attend school and live in the local area, that action needs to be taken by the local authority and local police team to address this immediately. Following our actions, we have since seen an increase in police officers at drop off and collection times and also a police community van that we requested attend - so that parents and carers had the opportunity to talk to the local police team.

Yesterday, the police were called by a member of the public and then assisted by trained staff from school, to support a family where a child was struggling to keep himself and others safe near the school site. We hope that you understand that from a legal perspective we are unable to share further details, other than this child and his family are receiving the support they need, and this child will not be attending our school. While the police were responding to this incident, an unknown male was pestering the police and causing a nuisance around the police and then near to the school gates. Police officers responded with reminders and warnings to this male and then made the decision to detain him.

Senior school staff were outside yesterday at the time of these events and we know that many of you expressed understandable concern and were hopefully listened to and reassured. We do not underestimate the impact this has on our children and families and that this may have been distressing for you and prompted questions and concerns from your children. It is clear that there are challenges in our local area in terms of the needs of the community and some elements of social disorder, we want to reassure you that by working closely with the police and local authority we will continue to insist on support for our families and we will continue to put the safety of your children as our highest priority. In our school assembly today, we will remind the children about how we work with the police to keep everyone safe.

Can we also thank you all for your understanding yesterday morning when we had problems with opening our main entrance gate (opposite TESCO). Your patience and understanding was greatly appreciated.

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Finally, please can we remind you that all staff are here to help and support the children and families of Hunslet Moor, doing so in a respectful way. We only ask in return that the same respect is shown.

Our staff are here to help you

- They are people too and we will not tolerate anyone shouting or swearing at them or being aggressive.
- Please treat us how you would like to be treated yourself.
- Thank you for treating us with respect.

If you have any questions, concerns or would like the opportunity to discuss anything covered in this letter or any other aspect of school, please do not hesitate to contact school via the main office and we would be happy to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Crawford
Co-Headteacher

Miss Hannah Darley
Co-Headteacher

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