



Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of a very emotional week I wanted to get in touch to say a few things!

First of all I would like to thank you as parents for putting your trust in us as an academy to look after your children this week. We know it's been a tough decision for some whether or not to send your children in to school and we feel proud that you know that we will take such good care of them.

I would also like to publicly thank my staff for all of the things you have done this week to take such good care of our children and help them to feel safe. You have come in early, stayed late, attended meetings, given out hugs and smiles, done extra playground duties, listened so well to the children and done everything you could to make our children and parents feel safe. You have also provided support to other staff members as we have struggled as adults to comprehend what has happened in our beautiful city. Annabel's mum and dad would also like to thank everyone personally who has supported Annabel through this week, as would I.

I want to thank our children; you have been a constant reminder to us that there is love and happiness to be found each day. You have played together so beautifully all week, all different cultures, faiths, skin colours, backgrounds and beliefs. You are role models of love and tolerance and we are so very proud of you and the way you have come together to support your friends who might have needed it. You have shown that you understand so well that there is good and bad in every person, from every walk of life and we should not let the actions of a few cloud our opinions of a whole group. Children, you are amazing!

Events like the tragic one that happened in Manchester make us question lots of things and can make the world seem a sad and scary place but they can also serve to remind us that we love each other and that we are a school community, and a city community that stands together in love.

I am always so proud to lead this academy, as a staff we often say we are a big family. Events like this week only confirm that is exactly what we are, not just an academy, but a family who love and support each other through the happy times and the sad.

If anyone needs any support over the coming weeks please get in touch with any staff member who will support and help. Please also pass this message to your children too.

Children, staff and parents; I wish you a wonderful half term with your families. Stay safe and remember that by loving each other we teach our wonderful children that there is indeed love and joy to be found in our special city of Manchester and indeed the wider world.

Take care of each other, see you after half term!

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