



11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may have heard from your child, this afternoon I held assemblies with all students in the Academy to address our behaviour expectations of our students here at TGAK.

Following a physical altercation between a small number of students at break time today, it was disappointing to see a large number of students in all years of the school community pushing and jostling to try to get involved and/or observe the incident and using their phone to record or take pictures of students and of the staff getting physically hurt as they intervened, and refusing all instruction from staff to move away.

The behaviour of those involved in this 'mob mentality' resulted in further students and staff being injured, and our more vulnerable students becoming traumatised by a situation so easily avoided had they shown respect and been responsible enough to remove themselves from such unneeded hysteria.

I am immensely proud to be the Principal of this school and feel disappointed that, today, many of our students were unable to do the right thing. I have given them all a clear message that physical altercations, videoing or using phones to capture incidents and inciting violence will not be tolerated and the SLT team will take a zero tolerance approach to this from Monday.

I had hoped to write to you this afternoon to share my absolute pleasure at having the Academy once again open to the community for last night's fantastic event exploring 'The Real Peaky Blinders', and it was heartening to see so many from our local community gather to share this experience.

I had also wanted to let you know that we will be taking Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March as our Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee, and wish you all a lovely extended weekend that weekend.

As ever, I appreciate your continued support as we endeavour to make TGAK a school that we can all be proud of.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Nicola Crehan  
Principal