

25 January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you have been made aware via text and our website, we were notified at approximately 8am of a serious fire at Laburnum Road/Tonstall Road. We immediately contacted emergency services and myself and the leadership team went to assess the situation, including assessing any risks to students and the local community.

We are very proud of our students who continued to represent our values of Love, Hope and Trust, staying behind the cordoned areas and making their way sensibly to school. We are grateful to our staff who supported the safety of our students and local community. This was a significant incident and we followed the Academy's protocols informing the Trust and Local Authority accordingly.

Emergency services confirmed that the fire was extinguished quickly and there were no injuries or fatalities. All services are running as normal. As a precaution, we will be increasing our staff presence at the end of the Academy day and working with the Safer School Officers Team to ensure your child has a safe journey home.

The Leadership Team have spoken to all students and prayed for all that have been impacted by this incident. We have made our Student Support Services available should any students require this support.

We would like to thank students, parents, staff and the local community for supporting the Academy.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Peterkin".

Lisa Peterkin
Academy Principal

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