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Dear Parents/Carers,

CONFIDENTIAL

I am writing to inform you that Mr Shillito (who was previously Headteacher at Goldsborough Church of England Primary School and Sicklinghall Community Primary School) has been charged in relation to making indecent images online. The legal definition as used by police is that 'making images' means downloading and storing images. He has pleaded not guilty and will stand trial in March 2022.

Mr Shillito was suspended from his post as Headteacher at Western Primary School as soon as the allegations were known, and was subsequently dismissed from his post.

The police have informed us that there is **no indication** that the **offences relate to any child at any of the schools he has worked at.**

As legal proceedings are **active and ongoing** in this case, there is **no further information we can share** with you at this time so that the legal case is not undermined in any way.

We understand that this will be distressing for our school community. However, it is important that you **do not comment on this case at all, including on social media or any other platform.** To do so might **prejudice the legal process** that is underway.

If you have any additional information you would like to share, please speak to myself in the first instance. If you feel that you have knowledge of any criminal activity please call 101 to speak to the police.

Safeguarding is given the highest priority in our Federation and we have robust procedures, systems and policies in place. If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at school, or the Chair of Governors.

If you feel like you need any emotional support, please note that we are here for our families and can provide advice or recommendations to services if required.

Yours sincerely,

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