

21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

Dear parents and carers,

I am sure many of you are aware of the reporting in the media of an end of year awards nomination form issued to some students on Monday. This form contained a number of inappropriate categories.

Concern was raised, the form was withdrawn and replaced with one more in keeping with the ethos of the school. An initial investigation commenced including discussions with staff to establish what had happened.

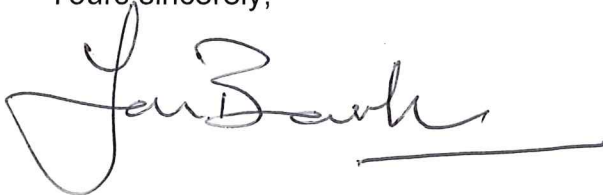
On Wednesday evening, a picture of the form was published on Twitter and understandable media interest has ensued. I released a statement yesterday morning unreservedly apologising for the content of this form. The investigation to determine how and why this happened is ongoing and will report to me shortly.

I do not support or seek to defend the original form and wish to reassure you the matter is being taken seriously and will follow due process. This year the school has frequently rewarded children for kindness, leadership, bravery, good conduct and character and we will continue to do so. I am very sorry that this one form has overshadowed all this good work.

I am grateful to the many parents and students who have expressed support during this period. However, I also understand that some of you are concerned and hope that my reassurances that this will be investigated properly help.

I apologise unreservedly to anyone offended by this form.

Yours sincerely,



Jon Barker  
Executive Principal