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Apex Primary School Urges Enhanced Response Amidst Security Concerns

LONDON, December, 7th, 2023 - Apex Primary School, a beacon of educational and spiritual excellence, issues this press release to address ongoing security concerns following the receipt of a threatening letter. While the school appreciates the initial response from local authorities and the police, there is a growing concern about the future and long term solution to address these issues, which falls short of instilling confidence in the school community.

The contents of the letter received by Apex Primary School are as follows:

“Dear Pedophiles [sic],

I am saddened to hear about Palestine.

More than thousand [sic] killed. What I am upset about is why more not [sic] killed.

I wish Israel bombed more of those filthy rascals. You deserve to die.

But don't worry your surprise will come to you on Friday 8th of December.

I will have something for you in the post at 9am ready to tick off at any moment to kill everyone there and all those f*****g children.

Yours faithfully,

Your Terrorist Friend [Smiley Face]”

As evident from the letter, it makes direct reference to the Israeli bombardment of Gaza and, in particular, highlights the tragic killing of innocent children. Apex Primary School unequivocally condemns such vile and abhorrent positions, both at home and abroad. The sustained attacks on the civilian population of Gaza are not only deeply distressing but are also having a direct impact on communities here in the UK. We strongly reiterate our call for authorities to do more in response to these concerning developments.

We notified the authorities promptly, there was a reasonable response from the police, to reassure the confidence of our parents.

Regrettably, this is not the first instance of such threats targeting our school, and it is disheartening to acknowledge that it may not be the last unless decisive measures are taken. Reports indicate that others within our community have also received similar threats. It is imperative for us to come together as a community to denounce hate and intolerance.

Apex Primary School stands united against any form of discrimination, particularly Islamophobia. We call upon local authorities to reassess and strengthen their response to ensure the safety and security of our students, staff, and parents. The school remains committed to working collaboratively with law enforcement to address this issue comprehensively.

We urge our community to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity promptly. In times of adversity, it is crucial that we stand together against hate, supporting one another and fostering a sense of unity that transcends differences.

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About Apex Primary School

Apex Primary is an independent Islamic school for pupils aged 3-11. It was founded by the Apex Trust in 2004 and later established in Ilford from 2009.

Education starts from the moment a child is born and if nurtured well can provide the strong foundations for confident young minds to excel in later life.

Our motto at Apex is 'Helping little feet climb mountains..'. This means that we want to provide an environment where each and every child is able to reach their full potential in every sphere of their life, from academic, spiritual to social and the hereafter. We do this by providing a unique learning experience enriched with Islamic values.

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