



# Clacton County High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing in regard to the incident that has been reported so widely in the media following the year 11 shirt signing event.

Following my comments in our press release, I would like to reiterate to parents that this school does not tolerate any form of racism or prejudice. Staff work extremely hard to promote acceptance and respect for all members of the community; through our REAL days, assemblies, PSHEE opportunities and different subject areas, we endeavour to help create an ethos of kindness and thoughtfulness for others.

If any form of racism, homophobia or discrimination is reported to us, then it is swiftly and robustly addressed via our Behaviour for Learning Policy and if appropriate, the police contacted. If an incident occurs, we will always do whatever we can to offer support to those affected as best we can, including referrals to external professionals.

We are committed to working in partnership with all of our parents. Good communication and the support of home and school working together is a vital aspect in promoting good behaviour to ensure that excellent teaching and learning is always prevalent.

It has been a difficult week for the entire school community, we were all disgusted and appalled by the unpleasant and hurtful actions of one or two individuals and I am sure that you will equally share our views on this incident.

Once again, I can only reiterate that we were all very shocked and upset, but I hope that going forwards, the positive image of the school can be restored and you and your children are able to retain a sense of pride at being part of the CCHS community.

Yours sincerely

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Principal