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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Graffiti on Briar Avenue

I hope this letter finds you well and that the children have all had an excellent first day in school. The teachers have all enjoyed getting to know their new classes and it has been an absolute joy to see the children so settled and happy throughout the day.

Unfortunately, I am writing to you because we have been alerted to the presence of some racist graffiti at the end of Briar Avenue. We understand that this news may be distressing but I want to reassure you that we take incidents of this nature extremely seriously and, as such, have reported it to the appropriate authorities for further investigation.

At this time, we have made the decision not to discuss this incident with the children. The reasons for this are two-fold. Firstly, we believe it has gone unnoticed by them and do not wish to upset them if possible. Secondly, we would like to approach such topics through our planned curriculum in an age-appropriate way. However, if any of our pupils discuss it in school or seems distressed by it, we will address their concerns and provide appropriate guidance and support. I hope you understand and support this approach.

We continue to be committed to promoting tolerance and respect for others, and these values are firmly embedded in our curriculum. If you have any questions or concerns about this incident, please do not hesitate to contact me. We thank you for your continued trust and support as we work together to create a safe and nurturing environment for all our pupils.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S. Thomson

Mrs Thomson Head Teacher