

# SHERINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Following on from our previous letter regarding the disruption this morning, we wish to advise you on the information we have given to children.

All staff have been briefed to share the following message:

'There was a problem this morning that needed to be investigated which is why the school was closed. Mrs Dennett and Greenwich Council have investigated this and are reassured that Sherington is a safe place for children to carry on with their schooling this afternoon.'

This message was shared with all children in school this afternoon and will be repeated tomorrow. Mrs Dennett and Miss Burnell have spoken to year 6 pupils, who came in to school with misconceptions around these events and have specifically asked children to speak to any member of staff if they have personal questions but also advised children not to speculate. It has also been shared with all children that a letter has gone out to parents explaining what happened in a bit more detail.

The clear message that we would wish children to receive is that they are in a safe place and that it is the adults' responsibility to make sure that all children are taken care of.

If you wish to discuss the matter with your child, and feel this is age appropriate, please do not hesitate to do so. A useful link from the NSPCC about having difficult conversations which you might want to use to support you with this discussion is given below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

Please do get in touch if you have any specific concerns about this incident. Please also contact the school if you did NOT receive our text messages concerning the schools closure which was sent out at 11pm on Monday 7 May and 7am on Tuesday 8 May.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Dennett  
Headteacher

