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Dear Parent/Guardian,

You maybe have become aware of an incident that occurred on the recent school trip to Paris and I write to clarify the events.

On the return journey home to England on Monday, the bus transporting students stopped at the Cité d'Europe Shopping Centre. Whilst staff and students were in the Centre, a woman broke into the bus presumably seeking passage to England. This had, however, been closely observed by the French Police, who alerted our driver and the person was arrested. The bus was checked over by the Police prior to departure.

Later, it would appear that a second person entered the bus seeking passage to England. This may have happened whilst staff and students had to get off the bus at Passport Control. The bus was then driven through to the car park to wait for the cross-channel train where the pupils left the bus to eat. At this point, the person was discovered and removed by staff and drivers. The Police were informed off his presence.

Obviously, this is an unfortunate situation but I wanted to reassure you that the pupils were not present on the bus on the two occasions that people were removed. We have been contacted by a journalist regarding this matter, so please be aware that there is a possibility of our school being mentioned in media coverage. However, we are confident that the coach drivers and the staff followed the correct procedures and took the right course of action. The safety of students, and also staff, is always our top priority.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Higgins
Headteacher

Mission Statement:

Following the example of our Patron, St. John Fisher, priest and scholar, we aim to love one another throughout our life at school, to learn and develop our full potential in the image of Christ.