## Kettlethorpe High School

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## **KETTLETHORPE HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA STATEMENT 24 February**

## From Tudor Griffiths Headteacher Kettlethorpe High School, Wakefield

"Yesterday, we were made aware of a situation in school with the Quran. We would like to reassure all our community that the holy book remains fully intact and that our initial enquiries indicate there was no malicious intent by those involved.

"However, we have made it very clear that their actions did not treat the Quran with the respect it should have, so those involved have been suspended and we will be working with them to ensure they understand why their actions were unacceptable.

This morning, we met with our local Muslim community leaders, local councillors and police to share all the information we currently know, the action taken and the immediate steps we have taken to reinforce the values and behaviour we expect from every member of this school community to ensure that all religions are respected.

Kettlethorpe High School is an inclusive school where we want all our pupils to feel safe and secure. Understanding and respecting each other is a fundamental part of who we are and we are coming together and learning from this.

With the support of our local Muslim community leaders, we are continuing to investigate thoroughly. We'd like to thank them for their support to help us ensure we are taking the necessary action and for working with us."