

Kettlethorpe High School

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KETTLETHORPE HIGH SCHOOL – 24 February

As part of our curriculum all pupils are taught British Values, which includes mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. During this pupils have learnt of the importance of the Quran in the Muslim faith. Yesterday, we were made aware of a situation in school with the Quran and I am very disappointed to inform you that this did not uphold the values and behaviour we promote in school.

Our initial investigations into what happened indicate that there was no malicious intent by those involved. However, we are clear that their actions did not treat the Quran with the respect it should have. This has resulted in a small number of pupils being 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 what happened, 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.

I am incredibly proud of Kettlethorpe High School and this isolated incident does not reflect our school community. Please be assured that this is being dealt with help from the police, our Muslim community leaders and Wakefield Council.

Please can I ask you all to support your children to understand the importance of mutual respect, understanding and kindness and so we can all continue to ensure all pupils feels safe and happy at school.