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## Cotteridge Primary School

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Wednesday 20th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you have seen yesterday's news report in the Birmingham Evening Mail, and like myself are quite rightly saddened by what is, in my opinion, an extremely sensationalist and deliberately inflammatory headline intended just to sell more newspapers.

You parents and carers who are on our playground before and after school every day, know the truth. You see the happy, cohesive atmosphere of our community and never witness any anti-social or unsavoury behaviour. For many years you have heard myself and school staff praise the brilliant parents, families and children who make Cotteridge school such a wonderful and lovely place to be. We are a community who are so proud of our school and that's why it especially hurts when external influences try to disrupt us, for their own gain.

As Head of the school, all I can say is that we must act with the integrity and dignity that we always have, continuing to concentrate on giving our children the best education possible.

Sensationalist headlines may come and go but we will never stop caring for the children of this school and their parents. Together I know that we can ensure that Cotteridge remains a happy, joyful and nurturing place to learn.

Yours Sincerely,

J. Leonard