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Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing in relation to the false and inflammatory material currently circulating online which you may be aware of about the national Schools of Sanctuary programme, of which our school is a member.

Recently, we have received enquiries from parents and carers regarding this misinformation and inaccurate news relating to Schools of Sanctuary across the country.

We are proud to be recognised as a School of Sanctuary, part of a national network committed to creating a culture of welcome, inclusion and safety for all. This designation reflects our ongoing work to ensure every child and family feels valued, supported and included.

We are very thankful for our supportive parents and families who have signposted us to this news. City of Sanctuary UK has also published a public statement on this matter, which you can read here:

<https://cityofsanctuary.org/2025/08/12/schools-of-sanctuary-how-it-works/>

Please contact school if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Towle

Headteacher