



The British School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update on Court Proceedings

Following my letter to you yesterday, I am writing to inform you that Mr Matthew Smith appeared in Westminster Magistrates Court in the UK today faced with additional charges. These additional charges relate to both indecent images of children and the suspected commissioning of the sexual abuse of children via the internet. The plea hearing has been referred to Crown Court and Mr Smith is likely to appear there to enter his plea at the end of June.

As mentioned yesterday, the National Crime Agency continues to inform us that there is no indication that any of the offences have links in any way to our school, however during the period that he committed the online offences, Mr Smith was resident in Nepal and the UK, although the victims were not based in either the UK or Nepal.

These events have shocked and appalled the whole TBS Community. We are grateful for the diligent work of the UK police and courts in bringing him to account for his crimes. Although his victims are not known to us and are outside Nepal, our thoughts remain with those who have suffered because of his actions.

As our students may hear about this outside school, tomorrow we will be speaking to students in Year 4 and above in an age appropriate way. We will let them know that he has been charged with additional, more serious offences and remind them of how they can seek support if they are worried or upset. If parents or carers would like to talk with us, there will be an opportunity to do this tomorrow (Wednesday 24th) at the following times: 10:30am, 11:15am, 12:00pm. Due to the exams taking place at the moment we are limited for space, therefore please complete this [form](#) by 9am tomorrow if you would like to attend so that we can plan seating accordingly. If you or your children would like additional support, we are available to help using the contact details below.

School Principal: Ms. Caroline Drumm cdrumm@tbs.edu.np

School Counsellor: Ms. Sasha Kydd via communications@tbs.edu.np

Safeguarding Team: safeguarding@tbs.edu.np

If anyone from outside TBS approaches you for further information about this matter either in person or online, please direct them to communications@tbs.edu.np. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can support you in any way.

Yours Sincerely

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