



# The British School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Update

Matthew Smith appeared in Southwark Crown Court in the UK yesterday and pleaded guilty to the additional charges brought last month. He is likely to be sentenced in August. More details of his offending have been published and, although we do not know his victims, members of the TBS community will find this information distressing.

None of his victims were in Nepal or connected to TBS, however during the period that he committed the online offences, Mr Smith was resident in Nepal and the UK. We have all been upset by the news of his crimes and we remain grateful to the UK police and the legal system for their difficult work on this case. Our thoughts remain with all of those who have suffered because of his actions.

As our students may hear about this outside school, we will be speaking to students in Year 4 and above in an age appropriate way today. 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](mailto:cdrumm@tbs.edu.np)

School Counsellor: Ms. Sasha Kydd via [communications@tbs.edu.np](mailto:communications@tbs.edu.np)

Safeguarding Team: [safeguarding@tbs.edu.np](mailto: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](mailto: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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