



15 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

This morning, we were made aware of an Instagram account which uses the Lockerbie Academy logo as the profile picture and posted content which is concerning. This account has shared on their "story" statements which are defamatory and of a bullying nature; this has caused some stress to pupils who have been targeted. A number of pupils from our school have "followed" this account. Pupils have been given time (until tomorrow) to unfollow this page. This incident is of a serious nature and we have informed Police Scotland of the content. Some of our pupils have been very responsible and we have been able to pass information on to aid their investigation into who created this account, so action can be taken.

We are asking you to speak to your child regarding social media. We would also advise you to check your child's social media and ask them to show you who they are following. We are in the process of getting the content of this account to be removed. If you would like to discuss further, please get in touch. We'd also encourage you/your child to report this account for it to be removed by Instagram.

Thank you for your support. By working together we can ensure our pupils are safe and do not need to face this sort of online bullying.

Yours faithfully,

Kerry Galbraith Currie

Depute Head Teacher