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A message from Mrs Armstrong which was shared with all our learners during form time on the morning of Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Today many of us have woken up to the dreadful news of a terrorist attack which took place last night at the Manchester Arena. Many young people, especially teenage girls and their friends and families, were enjoying a concert by the US singer Ariana Grande. At the end of the concert an explosion left many people dead and lots more injured. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those most affected by this tragedy. Our thanks go out to all those working in the emergency services who are helping the survivors of this attack.

Even as an adult I find it very difficult to make sense of what has happened. I keep thinking to myself, why would anyone do such a thing? I know you will all feel exactly the same as I do. So please remember- the vast majority of people all over the world are good and kind and would never do anything to deliberately hurt others. It is only a tiny, tiny minority who think it is acceptable to create fear in the hearts of others and bring great sadness to a city such as Manchester.

So, as we go about our daily lives, please try and focus on all that is positive in the world. If we give in to the fear then the tiny numbers of terrorists in the world have won- and that is the last thing we want them to do. Focus on being nice to each other. Focus on all the good things going on in school and in your lives and with your families. Focus on all the wonderful things people do every minute of the day to help others. We are all so lucky to be alive and well, and when incidents such as the one at the Manchester Arena take place, then this is a time to stop and just appreciate all that we have to be grateful for.