

Kea Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of the tragic, recent terrorist attacks in London and Manchester, I am sure that many of your children will have been asking questions. It can be extremely difficult to find the right words to use (if indeed there are any right words) – and there are a number of useful websites which you might find helpful.

This one, from America, was created following the attack in Manchester. It is quite short and aimed specifically at talking to children. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ds4d1AEYV0

This one is from the NSPCC.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/

Many of you will be aware of the government campaign, Run, Hide, Tell which contains advice for what to do in the event of an attack.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film

I am aware that some children, particularly younger children, are completely unaware of the events and I don't want to cause unnecessary anxieties. However, in the case of children asking at school, I will be encouraging teachers to use the following resources to support them. http://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-c-254472-how-to-talk-to-your-class-about-traumatic-events-adult-guidance

I hope you find this useful.

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Yours sincerely,

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