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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Norway Class Book

A few parents have approached me about a book that was read during class book time recently: 'Tinder' by Sally Gardener. There have been some concerns around the age appropriateness of the book and the themes contained within. After being contacted by some parents it was decided before half-term not to continue reading the book.

After half-term we decided to look into the matter further and I can confirm that any age inappropriate text and illustrations were edited out of the book when reading aloud. Mr Knight explained to the class that some parts of the book weren't appropriate to read or show until the children are older. We can appreciate that parents would be concerned if they felt the book was read verbatim.

The book forms part of a recommended reading list for children in Years 5 and 6. However, we still feel that this is too young and as such it is not and will not be on Atwood's reading list. The book has received some excellent reviews and was chosen for the way it depicts character, builds setting and atmosphere etc. However, we will not in future choose books that require editing before reading aloud.

The decision to write to you was borne out of discussion with parents and the need to communicate with openness and clarity thereby avoiding any mis-information.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to speak to me or a member of the leadership team.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Daniel Upfield
Headteacher