



# Elmore Stoutt High School

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## Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope this message finds you in good health.

We are writing to inform you of a serious matter that has come to our attention with allegations of inappropriate behaviour involving two teachers at the Elmore Stoutt High School. We recognise how concerning this news may be for you as parents, guardians, and valued members of our school community.

Please be assured that both the school administration and the Ministry of Education are treating these matters with the utmost seriousness. The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force and the Social Development Department are currently investigating the allegations. As a precautionary measure, the teachers involved have been removed from the school premises while the investigation is ongoing. We are fully cooperating with the authorities to ensure a thorough and fair investigation.

The safety and well-being of our students are our highest priority, and we are dedicated to maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment. We have taken immediate steps to ensure the safety of all students, and we will continue to do everything in our power to uphold this commitment. To support our students during this time, counseling services are available for any student who wishes to discuss the feelings or concerns. We are also currently planning various outreach initiatives to educate teachers and students regarding this issue.

We encourage you to engage in open conversations with your children about this situation. Reassure them that they can come forward with any worries or anxieties they may have. It is important to remind them to report any situations in which they feel uncomfortable to a trusted adult. Additionally, we must address the serious implications of making false allegations. We also ask you to encourage your child to refrain from engaging in any action or behaviour which could cause further harm to any student who may be perceived to be involved in these allegations. Discussing or teasing any student who may be involved in these allegations, as such actions could cause further harm.

We understand that you may have concerns or questions, and we want to assure you that we are here to support you and your children during this challenging time. We are committed to providing as much transparency as possible while

respecting the integrity of the ongoing investigation. Our priority remains the safety and well-being of our students, and we will continue to work closely with the Ministry of Education and relevant stakeholders to resolve this matter and uphold the trust of our school community.

Sincerely,

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Vanessa Garraway,  
Principal, ESHS