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Kirsty MacDonald
President of SATH

Contact: Donna Stewart
Email : [REDACTED]

Dear Kirsty

I am writing to you in your position as President of SATH regarding the publication of the results of the Higher History survey, further to our discussions earlier this week. I am also writing to you in my position as Director of Qualifications Development with a duty of care and responsibility for the health, safety and wellbeing of colleagues within SQA.

When the survey was published, teachers' personal information was not disclosed. However, the same care was not taken with the names of SQA staff or appointees who were subject to comments that were unsubstantiated and potentially defamatory. We are extremely disappointed and concerned by this as it has caused significant personal distress to colleagues.

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I recognise that, in the interests of transparency and openness, it is important for SATH to share the survey results but that should not extend to the naming of individuals. I require that:

- any personal information in the survey results (which either names them directly or includes information which allows them to be identified) is redacted immediately;
- that any versions that contain this personal information are removed from websites, social media or other platforms and replaced by redacted versions;
- that SATH members are asked not to make any further use of the unredacted survey results or share them;

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- that SATH publicly apologises to colleagues named in the survey results and publicly acknowledges that this personal information should not have been published.

Please confirm to me by Friday 13 December 2024 that these steps have been taken.

Yours sincerely

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Donna Stewart
Interim Director of Qualifications Development