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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We wanted to provide you with a brief update regarding an odour that was noticeable in the front area of the school today.

While clearing one of the building's sewer lines using a chemical agent (such as Drain-O), a strong sewer odour temporarily entered the building and was noticeable in the main hallway. Although we were aware of the cause of the odour, Divisional Maintenance staff were contacted and advised to increase ventilation by opening up the windows to dissipate the smell.

Emergency Services also attended the school to ensure there were no additional concerns. Both Divisional Maintenance and Emergency Services confirmed that **there was no gas leak** and that the odour was related to the sewer line being cleaned.

Exterior doors were opened to increase ventilation and help dissipate the smell from the main hallway. The odour began to clear, and classes continued as usual.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. The safety of our students and staff remains our priority, and we wanted to ensure families were informed about the situation.

Thank you,

John Taylor Collegiate Administration