



**Dear parents:** I was exhausted last night and went to sleep around 9.30pm .Woke up really early to the news of the Manchester Arena bombing.Those of you with long memories may remember Ms Nuala Forkan ex-deputy head of this school for many years in the 1990s and beyond. She is now headteacher at a school in Wythenshawe just outside of Manchester in a very deprived area.. I visited her and did some work at her school last June and I spent a night in Manchester itself. I was concerned because she has a 13 year old girl. Both are fine but knew people there ..... unimaginable grief and anxiety as most of the victims appear to be innocent children. Truly heart rending .... first child reported missing by a frantic mother last night was an Olivia. I have an Olivia .... Nuala just sent me this below which the local Loreto Catholic girls school sent out today. It's lovely. Hope it helps.

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*We are deeply saddened by the bomb attack in Manchester last night. A very small number of Loreto students were in attendance at the Concert and mercifully all are safe and well. This morning in school we have shared the prayer below in all registrations and meetings. The Chapel will be open today to remember all who have been affected by the attack.*

### Prayer for Manchester

**Compassionate and loving Father,**

**We pray for all those affected by the Manchester Arena explosion last night.**

**May those missing be reunited quickly with their families.**

**We pray for healing for those suffering and peace to those grief-stricken and angry.**

**We pray with thanks for the paramedics and police for the care and help they constantly give.**

**Hear our prayers too for those who support terrorism in your name. May they be enlightened by your truth and love which exposes the dignity of all people irrespective of belief, race, or culture.**

**We pray that we show our love and compassion for others, in our words and actions.**

**Amen**



and finally ..... R.I.P .....