



Friday 12th July 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Update on recent safety concerns

Following recent incidents and safety concerns, we wanted to assure you that our first priority is the safety of our pupils and we will always take the actions required to keep them safe. I fully understand that as parents we want to know that our children are safe at school and on their way to and from school.

We have had 2 incidents recently in which a person acted aggressively towards children from this school. Both episodes, one last week and one earlier this week, occurred after school and away from the immediate vicinity of the school. On both occasions we reported what had happened to the police and acted on their advice. We have since had additional teachers on extra duties and some patrolling in cars to look out for any danger.

The police are dealing with the matter and they believe that our pupils are at no greater risk than any young person would be while travelling home from school. We will, however, continue with our extra duties and added teacher presence after school until the end of term as a precaution.

I apologise for the confusing text messages that were sent out on Wednesday. The police had let us know that they intended to have a precautionary presence at the end of the school day. The intention had been to forewarn parents that this would be the case so that upon seeing the police people would not be alarmed. Unfortunately the messages did cause alarm and some confusion. As a result of this we are reviewing our procedures for future communications of this nature.

We always report any danger to the police; we always cooperate fully with them and follow their advice; and our priority will always be to do all that we can to ensure pupil safety.

A separate, unrelated issue which took place on Waveney Green is being investigated and dealt with. We have been in discussion with related parties and all is being done to ensure this will not be a problem going forward.

I appreciate the support so many parents have given over the past couple of weeks and will inform you if there are any developments.

Yours faithfully,

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