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Subject: Communication Regarding Safety in Our Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you following recent incidents within the wider community over the past week that may have caused concern among some of our students and families.

To reassure you, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is always our highest priority. We have robust safeguarding procedures in place, including supervision on site, clear reporting systems, and strong partnerships with external services such as the police.

We also recognise that news or rumours of violence can be unsettling for young people. We encourage you to speak with your child about staying safe in the community, particularly when they are out in the evenings or spending time with friends.

It can be helpful to have clear expectations and routines in place and I know that most parents and carers do. If you have not already considered this, the points below are a useful list to consider:

- Agree in advance where your child is going, who they will be with, and what time they will return home
- Encourage them to stay in groups and avoid going off alone
- Remind them to stick to well-lit, busy areas and avoid isolated parks, alleyways or unfamiliar locations
- Ensure they have a fully charged phone and are able to contact you at all times
- Have a clear plan for how they will get home safely (e.g. collected by a trusted adult or using arranged transport rather than walking long distances late at night)
- Encourage them to trust their instincts and leave any situation that feels unsafe
- Remind them not to engage in or escalate confrontations, including those that may begin online

In school, we will continue to support students through our pastoral team and provide opportunities for them to discuss any worries or questions they may have in a safe and supportive environment.

If your child shares any concerns with you that you believe the school should be aware of, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and positive environment for all members of our school community.

Yours sincerely,



Karen Lightfoot
Headteacher