



Wednesday, 28th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you of an unfortunate incident which took place on Monday 26th November at approximately 3.40pm outside the school building. A pupil was assaulted by people from outside the school and, whilst trying to protect her, two members of staff were also injured. As you can imagine, we are carrying out a thorough investigation, with the police, into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Several staff members are on gate duty every evening and this will continue, to ensure pupils' safety. Having reviewed site security and with the safety of our students and staff as a key priority, we have arranged for an additional security presence. This is a preventative measure and will support further the systems we already have in place. We know that our school community will feel reassured by this and that is extremely important to us.

We'd also like to reassure you that, like you, our driving concern is the welfare and success of all our students, and we are working tirelessly to ensure that standards are as high as possible. We work closely with our governing body and have an ongoing programme of visits from governors who oversee that our safeguarding policies and procedures are effective.

Fortunately, altercations between students in school are rare at Ninestiles. However, if they do occur, staff will always prioritise the welfare and safety of students. We are lucky to have staff that really care about our students, and support and look after them extremely well.

With all best wishes

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is a stylized, cursive 'AH' followed by a long horizontal line. The second signature is a cursive 'A Stephens'.

Alex Hughes and Andrea Stephens
Co-Heads of School