

Wednesday 1st May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with a fuller update following today's incident, to reassure you of the actions being taken, and importantly to thank you all for your ongoing support.

This morning, we implemented our robust lockdown procedure following an incident. Two staff members and a student were treated for minor injuries on site, with no one taken to hospital.

We took the decision to close the school for the day to ensure that the necessary enquiries could be undertaken, and that appropriate support could be provided.

The health, safety and wellbeing of all our students is our absolute priority and I want to assure you that this was an isolated incident, and our school remains safe.

I would like to thank our brilliant team of staff for how swiftly they responded to this incident, which ensured students and others were safe, as well as our students for their exemplary conduct and behaviour in what was of course a very worrying incident.

Similarly, we would like to thank all families and wider community for their support and respectful response. We would also urge you not to speak with the press or other parties about the incident, and to avoid speculation. This will help ensure that enquiries can be undertaken swiftly by the authorities.

We will be continuing to work closely with the police, and will keep you informed. We will be open tomorrow as normal, with the school day operating as usual. However, support will of course be available for anyone who feels they need it.

Thank you once again for all your support, it is truly appreciated.

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