

24 November 2020

Student Safety Notice

Dear Parents / Carers,

Yesterday the Academy was made aware of an alleged sexual assault on a young person that took place near the Westway Pharmacy. This incident was not reported to the police and we have no independent confirmation of it taking place, but we are sharing this information with you so as to encourage safe behaviour and practices from our students in the community.

While such incidents are very uncommon in our community and there is no need for any undue alarm, we want to ensure that your child takes the necessary precautions to keep themselves safe while out in the community.

Generally speaking, we would always recommend students take the following precautions when walking home from school:


- Where possible walk home in groups of two or more
- Stay on well-lit main roads and away from quiet footpaths
- If at any point you feel unsafe, run to the nearest shop or restaurant and ask for help

Our teachers will be reminding students of these measures during form time this week and we advise that you have a discussion with your child about this at home also.

We have been in touch with our local community police team regarding this matter and additional patrols have been arranged in the area at the end of the school day this week to provide some reassurance.

If you have any specific concerns in relation to this incident and would like to discuss it with a member of staff, please contact your child's Director of Learning.

Kind Regards,



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