



9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear parent/carer

In September, students went through the school's fire safety procedures and practiced what to do in the event of a fire. Today, the students discussed what to do in the event of a local risk to the school, where we 'SECURE SITE'. Students also discussed what they might have to do in a more serious 'RED ALERT' situation, including if they needed to RUN, HIDE, TELL in line with the police guidance that is given below. Whilst such an event is extremely unlikely we believe it is better to be prepared and have taken police advice to inform our plan. The advice from the police is to **RUN HIDE TELL**.

- **RUN** If at all possible and it is safe to do so, and as soon as possible.
- **HIDE** If it is not safe to run the instructions are to hide out of sight, be very quiet and still and silence mobile phones until you are safe.
- **TELL** someone what has happened and **follow** instructions at all times from staff or the police. Students have been told what they might expect if armed police arrive, and also what they must do.

In addition, students have been asked to be careful to use the correct entrances and exits to school at all times and to be alert, particularly to things like not letting anyone who is not known to them follow them through the school doors or entrance gates and to immediately report this if it happens. We would urge you to also be alert to anything unusual happening outside the school building e.g. someone taking photos or videos of the school, or watching but not apparently picking up children. You should report this to the school straight away on 0121 675 1305.

If you wish to find out more or discuss any of these issues with your child, a police video and advice can be found at: <http://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/WeaponAttacksStaySafe.aspx> Alternatively, you can google the 'National Police Chief's Council stay safe video'. This is a four minute public guidance video that provides advice on the steps to take to keep safe in the event of a firearms or weapons attack. The guidance is around the principles of run, hide and tell and has been produced by the NPCC.

You may also find the following useful: **WEST MIDLANDS POLICE: PROJECT GRIFFIN:** If you see anything suspicious at any time, don't leave it to someone else to inform the police. The following numbers may be useful:

- Anti-terrorist confidential hotline: **0800 789321**
- Crimestoppers anonymous hotline: **0800 555111**

If you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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