



31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

An incident took place after school yesterday involving one of our students. The student was walking home from school, passing *Kidderminster Carpets*, when an elderly male unsuccessfully attempted to grab the student's arm or coat. The student did not delay in speaking to their parents who, like us, made contact with the police to report the incident.

Given that no arrest has been made at present, we wish to repeat our messages about walking to and from school in safety at all times. We urge our students to walk with their friends, whenever possible, and to always avoid speaking to strangers and reporting anything suspicious or unwanted to parents, carers, the police and school without any delay.

Yesterday's incident took place in broad daylight, along a busy road, and reminds us that vigilance and caution is something that is needed at all times of the day. Whilst we are proud of the reaction of this student and their family, we are also very relieved that the student is safe and well.

I am sorry if this letter alarms you. However, whilst we hope the incident is isolated it is only right and proper that we continue to keep you informed of any local incident that a parent or carer might wish to know about in order to keep their child safe and well.

Please contact me or your son or daughter's Head of Year if you would like to speak to us about this incident or any other issue that concerns you at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Doherty

Headteacher

