



LONGBENTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Security Update

I want to keep you informed about an important aspect of our school's safety procedures. Earlier today we had three youths (female) attempt to enter our school site. They scaled the fence and entered across the grounds via the school field. Year 7-8 students were in lessons at the time, but as a precaution we kept Year 9-11 inside the building during their lunch break.

At no point were they able to approach our students and no students were at risk of harm; we did not have to initiate a full school lockdown procedure. The police attended and we have shared information and CCTV footage with them. The police have treated this as an incident of trespass and anti-social behaviour at this point.

I appreciate you may be concerned to hear this and wanted to reassure you of the following.

Our school has strict protocols in place to handle any unauthorised individuals on our premises. In the event of an intruder on-site, we follow these steps:

- Immediate reporting to school leadership and staff on call.
- Lockdown procedures activated if necessary to ensure student and staff safety.
- Contact with local authorities including police.
- Communication with parents as soon as possible with relevant updates.

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing these security measures by:

- Ensuring you check in properly via the school office/reception when visiting and wearing your visitor badge at all times.
- Reminding your children about the importance of reporting anything unusual to a staff member.
- Keeping emergency contact information updated with the school office.
- Avoiding gossip and speculation on social media.

We conduct regular drills and training for staff and students to ensure preparedness for any security situation. If an actual intruder event occurs, we will notify parents promptly.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and secure learning environment for all students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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