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Dear Parent/Carer

You may well have seen on social media that there was an incident in Ashton town centre after school yesterday (Wednesday 17 September 2025).

The Headteacher was informed to go into lockdown at 3.26pm *as a precaution*. At this time, the vast majority of pupils had already left but those who remained were calm and followed staff instructions.

All staff followed our lockdown protocols to ensure everyone remained safe. The lockdown lasted just over 1/2 hour.

May I take this opportunity to thank the parents whose children remained in school during the lockdown for your support. Your patience and calm-cooperation – in particular staying away from the school premises despite such a worrying time – helped us greatly in managing the situation effectively.

This is a timely reminder that we must follow our well-rehearsed protocols at these times to keep everyone safe.

Once again I would like to thank you for your continued support, it is always greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

SUZANNE CHAPMAN (Mrs)
School Business Manager