

5th February 2015

HIGH PRIORITY

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to draw your attention to a number of serious incidents which occurred in Redhouse Park at the end of the Academy day on Wednesday 4th February.

Two of our students and one external student were approached by youths between 4.00pm and 4.20pm. Personal items were taken under threat of violence. We are fortunate that none of the students were seriously injured. This matter is being dealt with by the police and the majority of the youths involved in the incidents have now been arrested. I would therefore like to offer thanks to the colleagues who responded immediately once the alarm was raised.

Can I therefore ask you to discuss this matter with your child/children and please remind them **NOT TO WALK THROUGH REDHOUSE PARK AT THE START OR END OF THE ACADEMY DAY**. I appreciate that this action will add to the travelling time for students but their safety has to take priority. The Academy will be using Tutor Time to talk to students and remind them about their safety.

I would also like to be informed immediately if any further incidents such as this occur in the park, as I am concerned that some of our students may be hesitant to tell parents and staff.

May I also remind you again about our expectations regarding parking at the end of the Academy day. Yesterday proved to be particularly hazardous as a number of parents were parking without due care and consideration. As I have already mentioned on a number of occasions, the safety of our students is a priority. Once again due to inconsiderate parking their safety was put at risk. This situation also resulted in long delays in the area and complaints from local residents.

I do hope we can work together to prioritise the safety of our students and look forward to your support with these issues.

Yours sincerely

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Principal/Chief Executive

