



22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

You may have read in the Express and Star, or on social media, an article about an attempted abduction near our school. This sounds dramatic.

Earlier this week a student from our school was approached by a man at the entrance of the short cut from Deans Road to Neachells lane, just opposite the Merry Boys pub.

Parents of the student concerned were brilliant. They contacted the police and put the incident out on social media. Our staff and the police are patrolling and taking the incident seriously.

That said I am concerned that we could over-react too and generate unnecessary anxiety.

So, this letter is recommending the following.

1. Please talk with your child about their route to and from school. Where possible stay on the main roads and walk with friends. Staying safe is a skill for life.
2. Ask them to be aware and look what is happening around them. Report anything unusual to us or the police.
3. Remind your child that incidents like this are rare and that most people are good and Wolverhampton is a safe place to live.
4. Our Jiu Jitsu club is up and running again. Every Friday between 4 and 5.45pm we teach students how to defend themselves and other confidence building skills. It is free. For details they should talk to me or Sensei Charlie.

Your child's safety and wellbeing is number one on our list of things to get right. If anything more comes to our attention we will write or put it on our new and revised website.

Best wishes

Dean Coombes