



# HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with a further update following the incident two weeks ago, and to set out the school's position as we now look ahead.

Over this period, we have continued to monitor the situation closely and to review our response. I am pleased to report that the school has remained calm and focused throughout. Students have responded with maturity and sensitivity, and we have been grateful for the support of staff and families.

I can also confirm that the student who was injured has fully recovered and is preparing to return to school shortly.

Our assessment remains that this was a serious but isolated incident. There is no evidence of any wider connection to other students, nor of any ongoing risk within the school community. This position has been consistently supported by what we have seen over the past two weeks.

While the overall level of risk is low, it is right that we use this as an opportunity to review and strengthen our approach.

In the medium term, we will:

- Maintain enhanced screening at the school gate, alongside spot checks and targeted monitoring; this will continue in its current form until May half term
- Develop a longer-term model for entry screening, to be implemented from June
- Reinforce our clear expectation that carrying or using a weapon is completely unacceptable; the student involved will not be returning to the school

Alongside this, we will continue to strengthen our wider safeguarding work:

- Ensuring that students are clear about how to report concerns, and encouraging them to look out for one another
- Providing further opportunities for students to raise concerns, including through existing and anonymous reporting routes
- Continuing to work closely with families, who play an important role in sharing information and supporting early intervention
- Reviewing and strengthening our anti-knife crime education, both through the curriculum and through additional inputs from external partners

We will continue to keep our approach under review, but I hope this update provides reassurance about both the current position and the steps we are taking moving forward.

Thank you again for your continued support, and I wish you a restful bank holiday weekend.

With best wishes,

Matthew Sadler