



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about an incident that took place in school on Friday.

A student sustained a cut to their leg during an altercation with another student. The student received first aid on site and was then taken to hospital. We have since been informed that they received stitches, were discharged on the same day, and are recovering well.

Following a review of CCTV footage, we identified the Key Stage 4 students involved and contacted the police. Officers attended the school and are now leading the investigation. We are working closely with them as their work continues.

The footage shows a brief altercation between two students, which appears to have intentionally taken place away from staff and other students. During this, a bladed object was present and an injury was caused. The student's injury was treated promptly by school first aiders before they received further medical attention.

There was a police presence on site on Friday as part of their response, involving a small number of officers. We appreciate that some students may have been aware that something had happened, and we wanted to provide you with a clear and factual account.

At this stage, all available information indicates that this was an isolated incident. There is no evidence to suggest any wider or ongoing risk, including any planned retaliation. As a precaution, we will be implementing additional site safety measures over the coming week. These will include increased staff presence at key points of the day, checks at the school gates on entry, and further spot checks during the school day.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will provide a further update later in the week.

We are also providing support to the students directly involved and are in close contact with their families, as well as offering support to any other students who may have been affected.

We understand that news of an incident like this can be worrying, and we want to reassure you that student safety remains our highest priority. Our safeguarding procedures enabled staff to respond quickly and appropriately.

If your child has any concerns following this incident, please encourage them to speak to a member of staff they are comfortable with. This would normally be their tutor or Head of Year, but any member of staff will be happy to help. You are also very welcome to contact the school directly, preferably via enquiries@hampsteadschool.org.uk, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Sadler
Head