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Dear Parents/Carers

"With Jesus, we can achieve what we dream and believe" 16th November 2021

Police Incident in Liverpool

A sincere thank you for all your support and patience with our full school closure yesterday. It is always a very difficult decision closing the school but I wanted to air on the side of safety and caution in light of the significant police incident and activity so close to our school.

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school today. We understand this is an anxious and unsettling time so we will be fully supporting all the children through our ongoing pastoral programme that is age appropriate.

Today I met with a community police officer and her guidance for us all in the school and local community is to stay calm but alert and vigilant. If you have any concerns contact the police immediately. There will be increased police presence in the area to support and reassure the local residents.

In school we will re-visit our school safeguarding polices which includes our visitor policy. We will only be allowing people we know into school. Our entrance system has a camera and voice control so we are able to vet before we allow admission.

I will keep you updated.

I fully understand this is an upsetting time for all but we are here to support in any way we can. Please contact us at school if you want a confidential chat with myself or a senior member of the leadership team.

Face Coverings

A letter from Steve Reddy, (Director of Liverpool Children services) and Matt Ashton, (Director of Public Health) was sent from school in October about the worryingly high levels of Covid Infections in Liverpool, with highest numbers in school children.

Parents, carers and guests should wear a face covering when in and around school unless medically exempt. This includes when collecting and dropping off your child/children. Wearing a face covering is the most effective way to reduce your risk of infection or spreading the virus.

From **Wednesday, 17th November**, we will be implementing this measure across our school. All staff will wear a face covering during drop off and collections. It is too costly for school to provide face masks at the gate so please wear your own. Our school Covid safe risk assessment will be updated to reflect this safety measure.

Thank you for your support and keep safe

Alyson Rigby Headteacher

