



## St Mary's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Security

I am sure you are all aware of the event that has been shared via Facebook and other social media platforms showing an individual with a knife at Horizon Primary Academy yesterday. I have spoken with Miss Hilton, the Headteacher of Horizon, who has assured me that she has no knowledge of this event, no parent or child in the school has reported this event. The police have also confirmed they have no knowledge of the event.

Whilst writing, I also wanted to confirm the following with you:

Our playground gate is unlocked at 08:15 every morning. Other than Year 6 children who have permission from their parents to walk to school alone, every child should be brought to school by a responsible adult who should then wait with them until the school doors open. If your child attends morning maths club, the hall door opens at 08:20. Please ensure you wait with your child until the door opens and your child has entered the school building. The KS1 and KS2 doors open at 08:45. Please ensure you wait with your child until they have entered the school building.

We constantly remind our children not to play in amongst the trees/hedges by the playground fences. If you are passing during break or lunchtime, or are here dropping off or collecting your child from nursery, please do not encourage the children to come to the fence to talk to you.

Once your child has entered the school building, please can you leave the school playground promptly.

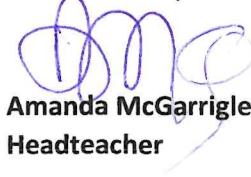
Our nursery children have staggered start times, so our playground gate needs to remain open until 09:10. When our gate is opened during the day for our nursery children, and again in the afternoon for school and nursery collection, there is always a member of staff on the gate.

Our school site has recently passed a police safety check.

My staff and I are very aware of potential threats and we take every step necessary to keep our children safe.

If you would like to discuss any of this further, please get in touch with the school office in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

  
Amanda McGarrigle  
Headteacher