



Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you as it has been brought to my attention that members of the local community have raised some concerns through Facebook on the Wisbech Discussion Forum, about an event that occurred at Thomas Clarkson Academy on Friday 13 January 2017.

It is true that a youth climbed over the perimeter fence and entered the building. However, he was challenged immediately by a member of staff and escorted off the premises. It is not true that a man was walking around TCA all afternoon and not challenged by staff. All safeguarding procedures were followed and the Police were notified straight away. Furthermore, we were able to share CCTV footage of the young man with the Police, in order to assist them in their investigation.

As this matter was dealt with so swiftly and following the correct protocols, there was never any threat to students or staff. It was therefore decided that there was no need to inform parents or students, as such events can easily be sensationalised which can, in turn, cause unnecessary alarm in the school and in the wider community.

I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that, yesterday, I met with all of my colleagues and thanked them for their vigilance and their swift response; I also took the opportunity to use the good example set by the members of staff directly involved to reinforce our safeguarding procedures.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind you that Thomas Clarkson Academy has an email address specifically for 'official concerns'. I would advise that questions relating to serious issues such as this should be directed to this email address in future, in order that they can be dealt with appropriately.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Anne Hill
Principal