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Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to you jointly from Fairfax Academy and John Willmott School regarding the unfortunate incident that occurred within our community this past week, involving an assault. We understand the concern and worry this may have caused amongst our parent community, and we want to assure you that both schools are actively working together to address the situation and ensure the safety and well-being of all students involved.

Ensuring the safety of our students is our top priority, and we want to reassure you that we have taken immediate steps to enhance security measures both within our school premises and in the surrounding areas. As always, our staff members continue to be stationed at the gates before and after school to monitor student arrivals and departures, providing an added layer of security and supervision.

Additionally, messages emphasising community safety and safe travel have been reiterated to our student body during tutor time and through various communication channels. We believe that fostering a culture of safety and responsibility among our students is crucial for their overall well-being.

Moreover, we want to take this opportunity to highlight our commitment to working together on various initiatives aimed at improving our community. Both Fairfax Academy and John Willmott School are dedicated to fostering positive relationships within the local community, from volunteering during Christmas events to environmental efforts such as tree planting and litter picks. It is through collaborative efforts like these that we can truly make a difference and create a safer and more supportive environment for all.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support in the improvement journeys of both Fairfax Academy and John Willmott School. Your involvement and partnership are invaluable as we strive to provide the best possible education and environment for our students.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Together, we can overcome challenges and continue to build a stronger, more cohesive community.

Warm regards



**MR S CASTLE**  
**Principal – Fairfax Academy**



**MRS N GOULD**  
**Headteacher - John Willmott School**