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Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is a follow up to the email you received yesterday regarding the tragic stabbing of a young person from a school in the locality. As was stated in my email yesterday, neither the victim nor the perpetrator are linked to Hall Green School. We do of course, send our deepest condolences to the boy's family and friends from the whole Hall Green School community at this very difficult time.

To help parents/carers feel reassurance at this time, I thought it might be helpful for me to outline the things we have in place to help ensure pupils' safety at the start and end of each day. These systems have been well established for many years and will continue daily:

- Staff are on duty in the morning on the front gate from 7.45 am.
- Staff are on duty in the afternoon at both gates from when they are opened and for 15 minutes after the end of school.
- The Senior team often have a presence in the local community after school in the neighbouring area, for example, they will regularly walk to South and City College to maintain good order as pupils go home.
- Pupils who need to wait for parents/carers to pick them up from school are allowed to wait by reception for as long as is needed.
- We participate fully in all local police initiatives to help educate pupils in the dangers of knife crime and other anti-social behaviour; we will be running some workshops in the very near future.
- We have a school's based police officer who works closely with our school and many others in the area.

Please note we are not able to provide this supervision at the end of any clubs that take part after school. It is important that you discuss and agree arrangements with your child for them getting home.

I do hope this reassures you that we do everything we can as a school to support pupils' safety. If your child is upset by the incident this week, please do contact the Welfare team or Head of Year so that we can put support in place.

Yours faithfully

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