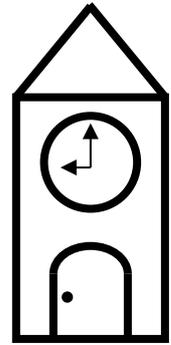


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Dear Parent

The Local Authority has asked us to give you the following information:

You may have been made aware, through the press or social media, that some schools in Cambridgeshire have received a hoax email threat today. The email informed the school that a bomb had been placed on the school site. The school followed its critical incident plan and immediately phoned the police and followed their advice. The school also informed the Local Authority who were in contact with the police. The police always take such threats extremely seriously and have well-rehearsed procedures to assess such threats based on all of the intelligence they have available.

As you would expect, the school leadership has acted professionally and followed police advice. For your information, the advice was that the threat was assessed as a hoax and the school were told to follow their Critical Incident Procedures. The Headteacher was told to ensure that there was a sweep of the school to check there was nothing unusual. If anything unusual was spotted then they were told to immediately request police support and to follow their advice about evacuation.

We understand the potential distress and alarm such threats cause parents, who understandably are worried about their children. Such threats are designed to cause disruption and worry. However, I can assure you that the police and other authorities have given schools the best possible advice and Friday Bridge Primary School has acted professionally, followed their Critical Incident Plan and followed police advice in the best interests of your child and all members of the school community.

I would also like to reassure you that as you are probably aware, schools have very secure visitor access control and it is highly unlikely that an unexpected visitor would be allowed to access the school unchallenged. Local Authority staff regularly visit schools and are aware of the security that schools have in place. It is also an aspect of our safeguarding reviews of schools.

Yours sincerely

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