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Dear Parents and Carers

This morning PC Fletcher (Tile Cross Academy Police Liaison Officer) and I spoke with all students about a serious assault that has taken place at Babbs Mill Park recently.

There is an on-going police investigation and from the outset the police increased their presence considerably in and around the surrounding area.

The incident at Babbs Mill Park, which is on the border of Tile Cross and Solihull, was an attack on a young girl who was walking through the park. Whilst the police believe that this is very much an isolated incident, PC Fletcher and I have spoken to all students with regards to maintaining high levels of personal safety throughout the six week holiday and beyond.

Our advice to the students has been to take precautions when out in the community and not to let their guard down whilst enjoying their summer celebrations. Being vigilant includes:

- Always following a route that keeps them safe
- Wherever possible not to travel alone
- Keep mobile phones fully charged but concealed
- Stay on streets with good lighting
- Always inform parents/carers where you are going, who you are with and what time you are expected to return
- If they become worried then seek help in a busy public place, nearby shop or similar

The investigation regarding the Babbs Mill incident is fast moving and there has been a huge response from the public which has assisted greatly. Should you feel you have any information that may assist the police, please contact Solihull Police on 101.

Yours sincerely,

Russell Kennedy
Deputy Headteacher