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Dear Parents and Carers,

I know you will be aware of the recent incident in North Oxford involving a 14 year old girl. Whilst these types of incidents are very rare, we understand that it has created a heightened level of anxiety amongst parents, carers and young people. We want to reassure you that there is a large team of specialist detective resources investigating the incident. The investigation team have received a really positive response from the public and are following up information, witnesses and video footage provided following their appeal.

Thames Valley Police in conjunction with Oxfordshire County Council are giving the following advice to school pupils:-

Where possible travel to school in groups and stick to the busier roads, avoiding alleyways and under passes.

Be alert and aware of your surroundings and avoid the use of head phones as this can be a distraction.

Please report anything suspicious via 101 quoting URN 1631 28/09/2016 or 999 if in immediate danger, or inform the Safeguarding Officer in your school as soon as possible.

Thames Valley police have increased their patrols so please speak to the officers if you have any concerns.

Regular up-dates can be found on the Thames Valley Police website. <u>www.thamesvalley.police.uk</u>

Kind regards

Supt Joe Kidman Oxford City LPA Commander

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