



Hanley St Luke's C of E (Aided) Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you following the incidents in Manchester and again in London this weekend. I pray that none of our school community have been directly affected but, I am sure it has touched us all as we watch these types of events unfold. I returned from London myself on Friday and of course, many of you will have been up and down the country on various visits during the half term, or have friends and family living away and, like me, may well be counting your blessings.

I want to reassure you that the ethos of our school is one where children feel safe and secure and can share their thoughts and feelings openly. Hanley St Luke's has a proud history of love and tolerance as its central ethos and it was never more important to be committed to these values. Our site security procedures have always been robust but are now even more so with the inner gate repaired during the half term holidays. **Please do not buzz to enter the premises for routine collection but wait for the gates to be opened to help us keep the site secure.** We need everybody's support to keep our children safe from dangers and recent events only make this more important.

When we take your children off site for visits we always carry out a full risk assessment and have no plans to change any of our planned activities. We believe we need to carry on as normal and not limit our children's experiences but of course we will ensure, as always, we plan appropriately to keep your children safe. Of course, if you have any questions about any planned visits or any related concerns then do please speak to me or to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Williamson
Headteacher