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Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to our communication on Monday I wanted to write to update and reassure you following the incident at school.

The incident:

*Just before the start of tutor time on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, as students arrived to school, two secondary school age children, not from Broadoak Academy, entered the site through one of our gates. Staff immediately intervened but unfortunately the young people ignored staff instructions not to enter and evaded endeavours to stop them. Upon entering the building they activated the fire alarm.*

*Senior Staff and emergency services were immediately alerted. Whilst on site the intruders were followed and monitored by staff at all times. All our students were kept safe and looked after by their teachers in line with school protocols.*

*Senior staff escorted the young people towards the exits where they were then removed by police.*

*As the two young people had set off the fire alarm, the fire service arrived on site to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the Academy students and staff.*

*We remained in close contact with emergency services throughout this incident and followed their advice at all times. Both police and fire personnel have since commended the school for how the incident was managed.*

*Following the incident we gathered our students and staff in the sports hall to thank them for co-operating so brilliantly and for conducting themselves exactly as we would expect.*

Since the incident, we have worked with Police, Social Services and local agencies to ensure we can be assured that the children involved do not return to the site. Both children involved have been spoken to by police and told not to return to Broadoak Academy at any point.

You may have noticed police presence at the start or end of the school day. To reassure the children and families we have had the support of the local beat team: Spencer, Debs, Ash as well as other local officers. Their presence is merely to provide reassurance and a point of contact to any children or families who may have been unsettled by the incident or may wish to have a follow up conversation. Please do speak to any of the beat team members if you wish to.

Mrs Ridge, Vice Principal has been in touch with families individually by phone where questions or concerns have been raised. If you have any concerns, please contact us by



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phone on 01934422000 or by email at: [enquiries@broadoakacademy.clf.uk](mailto:enquiries@broadoakacademy.clf.uk) and we will arrange for a time to call you back.

We would like to thank the families who have sent us messages of support and thanks for the way we have dealt with the incident and the follow up. I will ensure these messages are shared with the wider staff.

Yours sincerely,

Danny McGilloway  
**Principal**  
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