



26th June 2024


Dear Parents/Carers,


I am writing to provide you with information relating to an incident that occurred in school today. During the lunch hour it was reported that two young people (who do not attend Harleston Sancroft) were in the Farmer's field adjacent to the Secondary Phase school site. We were made aware that pellets from a BB gun were being fired into the school grounds and as a result two young people sustained bruising to their arms, legs and back and have received basic first aid. Students were removed from the top of the field and I want to commend them and staff for the way in which they responded in a very calm and considered manner.

We immediately alerted the emergency services and the Police were very quickly on site. Senior colleagues have met with the Police who have thoroughly checked the school site and are satisfied that there is no further cause for concern. A subsequent arrest at the home of the alleged perpetrator(s) has been made, including the seizure of a 'BB' gun and a Police investigation is now under way. To be clear, at no point were the school's secure site boundaries crossed by the individuals involved.

Understandably this is a very upsetting incident. The safety, welfare and wellbeing of all members of the school community is our number one priority and if there are any students who have been impacted by what has happened please ask them to seek a member of staff when they arrive at school in the morning.

Alternatively the following support services that students can access this afternoon include:

 ChatHealth - ChatHealth is a secure NHS approved text messaging service for 11- 19 year olds. You can chat about a mental or physical health worry or question you have. Text 07480 635424 or visit [www.chathealth.nhs.uk](http://www.chathealth.nhs.uk) to start a webchat.

 Shout - 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258.

Members of the Safeguarding and Senior Leadership Team will be on site to talk to any concerned parents and our phone lines will remain open until 5pm.

Thank you for your support. As this is now a police matter we will continue to work with them and their investigations and will follow any guidance or advice they provide. Should I have any further information that can be shared in relation to this matter I will endeavour to do so in a timely manner.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Connelly', written in a cursive style.

Rob Connelly  
**Headteacher**