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Dear parents and carers,

Following the tragic news of a death at a Sheffield secondary school, I wanted to write to reassure you of the precautions that we take to safeguard your child. We will be emphasising these protective measures to all students throughout this week, and we will be letting them know what support is available to them. If you have any concerns, please contact [office@astreawoodfields.org](mailto:office@astreawoodfields.org).

Please also take particular care of your child's use of social media during this time. Sadly, in the aftermath of tragedies, false information can be shared online which can distress children, and some facts are shared improperly and can undermine police investigations.

As you know, the school building is secure and only accessible through supervised entrances. Visitors to the school are escorted and are challenged appropriately to ensure that they are not intruders. CCTV is in place across the school site. There are numerous locks that can be activated between different sections of the building, some of which are routinely secured.

All students are held to a high standard of behaviour, and we reinforce our expectations through regular reminders and morning meetings. This allows us to identify unsafe behaviours more easily and means that children are able to raise concerns if they have any. Our personal development curriculum includes specific content to make sure that children know the importance of raising concerns and are not "grassing" or "snitching" when they do so. We also teach about the dangers of a range of criminal activities, including knife crime.

If we have concerns about the safety of part of the school site, we use lockdowns to keep children and staff safe.

We maintain a good working relationship with the police, the local authority and with community groups and we share information to help keep students safe. We also rely on parents and carers to raise any concerns with us.

If you have any questions or, again, want to raise any concerns, please contact us at [office@astreawoodfields.org](mailto:office@astreawoodfields.org).

Yours faithfully,

David Scales

