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Date: 7th September 2020
Enquiries to: CYP PAs
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For the attention of all Southern Area
Schools, Colleges and Nurseries

Dear colleagues

Please can we ask you to urgently issue the following message to parent and carers from Suffolk Police:

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will no doubt be aware of the Kesgrave shooting incident that took place earlier this morning (Monday 7 September) in Friends Walk.

We can understand such an incident will have caused concern in the community at Kesgrave High School but to offer you reassurance a teenager has been arrested. This is being treated as an isolated incident by the police and they do not believe that there is a wider threat to the school or local community.

Students and staff are safe in school and will remain in school as expected until the end of the school day. In order to provide reassurance to the school community there will be a police presence as students leave school today and over the next few days.

The victim, a 15-year-old boy, sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to Addenbrooke's Hospital where he is receiving urgent medical attention.

We are aware of some footage/imagery circulating on social media of this morning's incident at #Kesgrave. We'd ask that circulation of such pictures and videos of the incident does not take place. Help us keep you safe. Thank you.

Assistant Chief Constable Rob Jones said: "Following this serious incident our priority is to keep everyone safe."

"We have now made an arrest as part of the investigation and are working with our partners and our schools to ensure that everyone feels safe when they are collecting their children from school this afternoon.

Please be aware that more of our officers will be on patrol and to provide reassurance in the area.”

Friends Walk and Through Jollys remain completely closed off at present and there is a partial closure on Ropes Drive.

Remember, if you as a parent/carer dropping of your child this morning saw any suspicious activity or has information about the incident please contact the Contact and Control Room, quoting reference CAD 58 of 7 September.

Alternatively, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111, or via their online form: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Cadzow', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Allan Cadzow
Corporate Director for Children and Young People