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Dear families,

Following on from my letter yesterday regarding the events over the weekend, I would like to take the opportunity update you.

Today we opened the gates at 8:20am to allow pupils to come straight into school; we will continue to do this whilst the police have closed the road. There will be members of staff present on the gates during this time to talk to children or adults who are finding this time difficult.

Today's assembly took a different format to usual. I spoke with Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 separately. For Key Stage 1, I shared a story about keeping safe and what to do if we feel unsafe. We identified that we should speak to our families or a grown up in school. For Key Stage 2, we also talked about keeping safe and who we could talk to. We did not discuss the events of the weekend in any detail. I did however stress that at the moment very few facts are known and that if children had heard information that concerned them they should speak to an adult rather than another child in school.

The police have informed us that the section of Tithe Farm Road which is closed, will most probably remain closed until the end of the week while they continue their investigations. This will mean that alternative routes will need to be used (as per the text messages sent today) both for walking and driving. The police have also asked where possible for families to walk to school, so that congestion on the road is eased.

Please remember that if this incident has directly affected your family or a close friend, please do let us know so we can ensure that we support your children when they are at school. If you feel you require further support this page on our website will signpost you to other services who can help: <https://www.tithefarmprimary.co.uk/wellbeing-and-mental-health/>

Our thoughts are with all families who have been affected in our community.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Worsfold  
**Headteacher**

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