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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Run, Hide, Tell

As part of our ongoing programme of wellbeing and safeguarding of our students, we wish to inform you about the **ACT FOR YOUTH, RUN, HIDE, TELL** Campaign, which is the first ever National Safety Campaign aimed at children and teachers.

Consequently, Ivybridge Community College will be using this to teach our students how to act in the unlikely event that they are caught in a gun or knife attack. The **ACT FOR YOUTH** Campaign reinvents the successful '**Run, Hide, Tell**' public information films for a new generation. We have placed a link in our Parents' (Safeguarding) section of the website to enable you to watch the animated film.

Students will be taught to **Run**, if they are able, **Hide**, if they are not and **Tell** police of the threat only when it is safe to do so. They will also be advised to warn others about an ongoing threat and crucially told not to stop or use their mobile phone until they are safely away from danger.

A new age appropriate animated film will be shown to all Year Groups and will then be discussed further during their tutorial time.

Although "we appreciate that talking to young people about terrorism can be scary for parents and children alike" as stated by the National Lead for Protective Security, we think it is imperative that if we are able to teach children to act in a way, which could potentially save their lives, then it is our responsibility to do so.

As a parent you can help your child by listening to their worries, reassuring them that these events are rare and teaching them to **Run, Hide** and **Tell**. Therefore, thank you for your support in this matter.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully

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