



HIGHSTED GRAMMAR SCHOOL
SAFEGUARDING E-BULLETIN (30 March 2017)

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Firearms and Weapons Attack. Stay Safe Run, Hide and Tell.

The National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) has released public guidance for firearms and weapons attacks. Recent events around the world remind us all of the terrorist threat we face, which in the UK is considered as 'SEVERE', meaning an attack is highly likely. Police and security agencies are working tirelessly to protect the public but it is also important that communities remain vigilant and aware of how to protect themselves if the need arises.

The NPCC have produced an information film to accompany their public guidance. The four minute film, Stay Safe: Firearms and Weapons Attack sets out three key steps for keeping safe. The film is accompanied by an online information leaflet.

The film and leaflet advise that if you are caught up in an incident to 'run, hide and tell' - guidance which can be applied to many places and situations.

The film can be found at: <http://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/WeaponAttacksStaySafe.aspx>

The leaflet can be found at: http://www.npcc.police.uk/StaySafeAssets/NPCC_CT_A5%202pp.pdf

IN THE RARE EVENT OF a firearms or weapons attack: RUN, HIDE and TELL.

1. **RUN** to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...
2. **HIDE**. It's better to hide than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it is safe to do so...
3. **TELL** the police by calling 999.

We should not be complacent about keeping safe.

Highsted Grammar School has worked closely with the NPCC and The National Counter Terrorism Policing Headquarters to have the 'Stop Terrorists' and Extremist's Online Presence' button added to our website (www.highsted.kent.sch.uk). This button is now live on our website and will take users directly to www.gov.uk/report-terrorism, so online material promoting terrorism or extremism can be reported and then removed. Over 250,000 pieces of illegal terrorist material has been removed since February 2010, following referrals to Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU). All reports are anonymous.

For more information and advice please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/terrorism-national-emergency/terrorism-threat-levels>

<http://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/WeaponAttacksStaySafe.aspx>

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