



Dear Parents,

You may have read in the Shields Gazette, regarding the abduction of a child in the area this week.

I am able to report that I have spoken to Mrs Mc Beth the Head of Jarrow Cross Primary and can confirm that no such incident took place.

The child concerned who attends Jarrow Cross Primary was spoken to by the CID Child Protection Unit of Northumbria Police and after being taken to recount the incident was found to have changed her story several times. It appears that the event had been fabricated.

This is obviously a relief to us at school and of course to yourselves. I imagine that there was widespread concern at the suggestion that this might have happened in such close proximity to your community.

I am so pleased to be able to report that this was not the case. I would like to thank Mrs McBeth for her phone call, so that I am able to send you this letter, and allay any fears and worries that you will naturally have had. I thought that you would like to be informed.

Incidents like this one, unfortunately do occur and it is important that everyone is vigilant and responds in the correct way. It is comforting though that the police responded so quickly and professionally throughout this incident.

Your

Sincerely

S Reader Headteacher