

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see a message below from our local police team:

Officers carried out enquiries to find a 10-year-old boy, who was reported missing on the morning of Tuesday, 18 May. The boy was located and returned home on the same day.

Police are aware of reports circulating that the boy may have potentially been abducted. Officers are continuing to conduct extensive enquiries to establish the circumstances of the alleged abduction and whether any offence has occurred.

Officers are also aware of reports of a suspicious incident that occurred on Saturday, 15 May in the Enfield Lock area involving a white van. Officers traced the occupants of the van and arrested a man and a woman on suspicion of attempted child abduction. The man and woman have been bailed to return on a date in mid-June.

At this time police are not linking reports of the alleged abduction of the 10-year-old boy and reports of the suspicious incident in Enfield Lock involving the white van. As such, officers are continuing to investigate the two matters separately.

Detective Chief Superintendent Treena Fleming, in charge of policing for Enfield and Haringey, said: "I would like to reassure my local community that we take all allegations of this nature very seriously; we understand the concerns and strength of feeling, particularly amongst parents, when we hear of potential incidents involving children.

"I am aware, understandably, that there has been a great deal of coverage and concern expressed on social media around these two incidents but I would respectfully ask the local community to allow us to complete a full and thorough investigation around both matters. This will ensure that we are able to fully understand what may have occurred.

"If I do have any concerns around public safety, I will ensure that our residents and communities are made aware of my concerns, should this be necessary. When I know the full circumstances of what has happened in these alleged incidents, I will be sure to update the community.

"You will continue to see officers out and about across Enfield and I would encourage the public to speak with them about any concerns they may have. I would also suggest those living in the area to follow the @MPSEnfield account on Twitter, which is used by officers to engage with the community.

"Child kidnappings or abductions are incredibly rare and I must stress that we are still establishing the full facts around these cases to determine whether any offences have been committed. However, if anyone sees anything suspicious, or has any concerns, they should dial 999 in an emergency or call 101 in a non-emergency."

Regards,



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