A 12-year-old girl's report that she had been abducted after school on Thursday has been found to be false.

West Midlands Police say an extensive investigation into claims that a 12-year-old girl was abducted outside school in Stourbridge last week shows it was made up.

Hours of police work resulted in no evidence to stand up the girl's report that she had been dragged into a taxi by four men last Thursday.

Detectives spent countless hours trawling CCTV cameras in and around the area in a bid to identify the vehicle and any offenders.

After monitoring the 12-year-old's route they found no evidence of the alleged attack.
The youngster originally told officers she was forced into a taxi in Teasdale Way, pictured, a suburban street in the Pedmore area of Stourbridge (stock photo)

Detective Sergeant Matt Slattery said: 'Incidents of child abduction are thankfully rare, but any reports of such are rigorously investigated and any bogus accounts will be quickly uncovered.

'Detectives responded in the way people would expect when faced with a report of a child being abducted.

'However, as the enquiry progressed, it quickly became clear the incident had not happened in the way it was described to us.

'I know that this allegation caused fear among local residents and although the investigation continues and the girl is being supported, I want to stress that the public were never in any danger.'

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The girl said she was driven around for 90 minutes before the car stopped in nearby Clent and she was able to get out and escape.

A member of the public found her and helped to call the police, police said.

Schools in the area warned parents and pupils to be vigilant following the allegation.

In a letter on its website, Brierley Hill school Thorns Community College said the abducted girl was a Year 7 pupil at Pedmore Technology College.

The letter said the girl was approached by a "white male" who "had a foreign accent and appeared to know the girl, even though the girl did not know who he was".

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4527406/Police-say-girl-12-reported-abduction-up.html