

15th February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware from your child that the school has experienced an unusually high number of fire alarm evacuations during the current academic year. Until last week, all of the alarms had been triggered by legitimate reasons including an initial scheduled drill, smoke from a fire in a neighbour's garden and accidental contact.

However, I regret to inform you that on Wednesday 8th February and Tuesday 14th February 2017 the alarm was triggered deliberately by a Year 10 and Year 8 pupil respectively. You will agree that this type of behaviour is unacceptable; not only does it disrupt the learning of all pupils in the school, but it also has the potential to distract the Fire Service from genuine emergencies.

Parents and carers should be aware that such actions by pupils are not tolerated by the school and that significant exclusion from school is the *minimum* sanction that will be applying in these circumstances; the school reserves the right to exclude a pupil permanently for this type of behaviour.

This message has been reinforced with the pupils by the staff and myself this week; pupils have also been informed that any learning time lost as a result of an unnecessary evacuation will be automatically added to the same school day.

I would be grateful if you would support the school by reinforcing this message with your child. I am mindful that the vast majority of our pupils would never behave in this way; however, it is important that the whole school community works together to ensure this does not reoccur.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher