

Dear Parents and Carers

Keeping our students safe

As you know we are very keen to keep our students and our site safe. We achieve this using a very wide variety of strategies, checks, measures, contractors and through the training of staff and education of students.

We are writing to let you know that in the next few weeks we will be ensuring that students are bringing to school only the things they need for learning and that there are no dangerous or prohibited items brought to school. We are aware that some of the students have forgotten what is safe and permitted as a result of significant time out of school through the lockdowns.

As a reminder, below is a list of all the things which are banned from site. The list is diverse and is to protect all our students and staff including those with respiratory conditions.

Prohibited list - guidance

- Energy drinks
- 1 litre cartons of juice drinks
- Fizzy drinks
- Glass bottles (containing anything)
- Atomisers - spray deodorants, spray perfume/ body sprays
- Any Sharp objects – metal pronged/ handled combs, knives, scissors
- Lighters, matches etc
- Laser pens

It is not an exhaustive list and we ask that you regularly check your child's bag and blazer pockets and that common sense is applied.

If any of these items are seen, they will be removed from your child. Please discuss this with your son/daughter and ensure that these things do not come onto site at all.

As you are aware we do carry out unannounced checks of students bags. We are letting you know that sometime in the next two weeks this will be taking place. This is a learning experience for the students and staff of the school and we will be working alongside the police officers in attendance. It is an experience of being part of a formal checking system, one which is used at public events, performances and large-scale organised gatherings.

The process is quick and the students will return to their lessons to continue learning.

Your son/ daughter will, as part of this process, be having discussions regarding how we keep communities safe and being kind and considerate in the community through their assemblies and their pastoral tutor programme in order to support this reminder of keeping our communities safe.

We are constantly setting out to review how we inform and educate our students and how to keep them safe both on and off site. If you have any ideas or thoughts regarding how we might further develop this, please let us know through your son/daughter's Head of year.

Yours faithfully

Ms Fossett

Assistant Headteacher – Behaviour and Attitude

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms Fossett', written in a cursive style.