

4th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on a situation which took place this morning.

We were made aware that a prohibited item may have been brought onto the school site, and thanks to the vigilance of staff and students, we addressed this immediately. Our team took appropriate action to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, and inform the necessary authorities. Please be assured that everyone is safe and well, and learning has continued as normal today.

The safety of our school community is always our first priority. Following recent national headlines, we understand that you may be worried about safety in schools, but please be assured that this situation has been dealt with swiftly and effectively by the TPA team.

Our policies and rules are in place in order to keep everyone in our community safe. We will continue to uphold our strong and robust procedures. We will also be reinforcing our messages about the importance of safety in school. This includes our behaviour policy and our protocol for searching students. As ever, the wellbeing of our students is of the greatest importance to us.

If you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact us either via phone, email or our Report It form.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Botting
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