

Our Ref: Fire Alarm/J Newsome/March22

Date: Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are well.

The fire alarm has been set off maliciously on several occasions recently. This appears to be the latest craze on TikTok.

As you will appreciate, when the fire alarm sounds, the whole school has to evacuate. This means that over 900 children and staff have to make their way to the evacuation point in a calm and orderly manner.

If children do not evacuate in a calm and orderly fashion, they are addressed by my Leadership team.

The disruption that this causes to learning is huge. Not only for the lesson of which the fire alarm sounds, but also for the lessons which take place thereafter.

When a child chooses to press the fire alarm for malicious reasons, they are also compromising the health and safety of over 900 people. This is something that I cannot accept.

Children who are identified as setting the fire alarm off will receive a fixed term exclusion and my pastoral team will meet with parents individually upon their return to the school. Also, parents will be charged £50 to cover the costs involved in resetting and investigating this false alarm.

We are also working closely with West Midlands Fire Service to raise the awareness of such dangerous and risky behaviour. However, please can I ask for your support, as parents and carers, that you talk to your child about the health and safety risks involved in setting off a fire alarm.

Please rest assured that I take such matters very seriously.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,



Ms J Newsome
Headteacher