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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Safeguarding Update

Whilst we place significance and importance on academic success we aim to make the school experience one to remember for all the right reasons. To achieve this aim, we invest a considerable amount of time and resources towards supporting and guiding every student within the school and ensuring that they are **safe at school at all times**.

#### Safeguarding and our environment

In early April we received the fantastic news that we have been successful in securing a Condition Improvement Grant for £288,000 to make significant improvements to site security. This means that we are able to build a new reception area with improved facilities and place new fencing and gates around the school perimeters. We are aiming to have all these changes in place for the start of the new academic year.

#### Safeguarding and reporting

We recognise that modern bullying comes in many different shapes and sizes. But whatever its form, it is a subject that is often very difficult to talk about if you become a victim. Earlier in the year we launched '**tootoot**', a secure, easy to use, mobile-friendly safeguarding tool for schools which provides students with a **secure, anonymous environment to report and resolve any safeguarding issues** or concerns discretely. I am pleased to report that already the introduction of '**tootoot**' has made such a big impact in such a short space of time.

#### Digital Parenting

I believe that keeping our children safe on their mobile phone/device has become one of the greatest challenges of modern day parenting. Supporting our young people to be responsible users, and stay safe while using the Internet and other communication technologies for educational, personal and recreational use is all our responsibility. I'd like to recommend the following three websites which contain very useful advice and guidance.

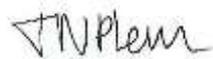
<https://www.e-safetysupport.com>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>

Please don't hesitate to contact either **myself** or **Mrs A Wade: Deputy Headteacher** or **Mrs F McMillan: Assistant Headteacher and Designated Senior Person for Child Protection** if you wish to discuss any concerns pertaining to Safeguarding.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Plews  
Headteacher

