



8<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately school life has been disrupted on three occasions this week due to the fire alarm being set off maliciously, causing a complete evacuation of all students and staff each time.

This is not only disruptive to lessons and learning, it creates unnecessary anxiety and workload for the whole school community.

Moreover, when firefighters have to attend false alarms they could be taken away from genuine emergencies where lives are at risk. Schools are always given priority if their fire alarms go off due to the size and number of people normally on site.

The actions of the students involved are reckless, dangerous and pose significant risk to the health and safety of students and staff. As a result, our response has been swift and robust.

After a full investigation, we have excluded four students from school for a number of days. We have contacted Greater Manchester Fire Service who will speak to the students involved and their parents and impress upon them the serious nature of their actions. The Fire Service can fine parents up to £1000 for a malicious alarm and report the offence to the police as a criminal act.

Please impress upon your son that this malicious and reckless behaviour will not be tolerated and may even result in a permanent exclusion from school. Setting off a fire alarm when there is no fire is against the law. Students doing it, and those involved in conspiring to create such unnecessary disruption, should expect robust and proportionate consequences for their actions.

Many thanks in anticipation of your full support,

M. Wicks

Principal