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Tuesday 1st October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Change to morning routine

We are now four weeks into our first half term and I am pleased to say that the students have settled in and they are working hard in their lessons. Our daily lesson, break and lunchtime routines are now familiar to everyone and there is a real sense of positivity amongst the staff and students.

One of the areas that we have reviewed is the morning routine when students enter the school. Each morning we ask them to hand their mobile phone and any other items that they might have into the main office where they are kept in their own separate storage box. We have historically searched the students before they enter the building to ensure everyone is safe at all times during the school day.

From tomorrow, Wednesday 2nd October 2024, we will be introducing a less intrusive method of searching the students, where the staff will be using a hand-held metal detector before they enter the school. This is a hand held 'wand' that detects metal objects. Where the wand detects metal objects, we will ask students to show us what it has detected and if deemed inappropriate to take into school, will be kept in the office until the end of the day.

Before students can enter the school, the staff on duty will need to be happy that they are not taking anything into school that could be deemed dangerous or not appropriate for the school day.

We have spoken to the students about this today and would like to ask that you can also speak to your child to ensure that they fully understand the new morning routine.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Cotterill, Executive Headteacher