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30th November 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

Earlier today we received a call about a potential suspicious item on the school premises. The police were informed immediately and the school was evacuated safely to allow the police to undertake a thorough search of the premises. Everyone returned to the building once the search was completed and the police were satisfied that there was no threat.

I am pleased to report that the evacuation was managed in a timely and efficient manner and under the direction of senior police officers, clearly demonstrating that we have robust procedures in place to respond to such incidents and keep everyone safe.

Unfortunately, as the call was received at the very start of the designated lunch break, there was no provision from the canteen until staff were able to return to the building at 2.35pm. By this time much of the food could not be served and so what was left ran out more quickly than we would usually anticipate. We did our best to give everyone who wanted it access to food but we are aware that a significant number of pupils may not have been able to eat from the canteen; in the circumstances I am sure you will understand why that was the case.

The police are currently investigating the matter further but we do not anticipate there being any health and safety issues on site tomorrow. Thank you all for your co operation and we look forward to welcoming all pupils on site in the morning.

Regards,

Mr. J.N.Hicks
Head Teacher
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