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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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PREPARTION FOR NEW ACADEMIC YEAR - 2018/19
NEW: Student screening

As you know, we are an outstanding school and always striving for excellence whilst relentless in our pursuit of continuous improvement. At this time of the academic year we begin to review our systems and practices as we prepare for September.

This is the first of a number of communications that you will receive during this half-term, to prepare you and your child for the exciting year ahead. In this communication we cover two very important items:

Student screening

As of next week our Safer Schools Police Officers will begin to carry out a handful of random screenings during lesson time with students. The officers will be accompanied by members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and will involve students being asked to empty their bags and pockets before they are screened with a security wand.

We are introducing screening as part of a routine practice in keeping our students and community safe, as such the screenings will ensure that students are less likely to bring banned items into school. The screenings will be quick and are designed to take up minimal learning time.

On the school website under **Information>Safeguarding** you will find some FAQ's to answer any questions you may have on student screening.

Uniform

Last year we informed you of a tweak to our uniform policy for students. We explained that, we now have a standard unisex school shoe that all students will be required to wear as part of the school uniform. We also explained that ties will now be exclusively clip-on.

To allow for a smooth transition, and so that parents/guardians didn't have to make unnecessary additional purchases, we employed a phased approach. The transition period will cease at the end of this term. As of September all students not in full school uniform (including the new shoe and clip on tie) will be sanctioned.

We thank you for your continued support in educating your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Laryea & Mr Harvey Assistant Headteachers i/c Behaviour KS3 & 4

