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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Emergency procedures.

You may be aware that a number of Dorset schools received bomb threats yesterday, following on from a number of schools across the country being threatened last year. None of these threats have proven to be 'real', but, as I'm sure you can appreciate, they must be taken seriously.

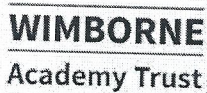
As a result, we have today had an assembly with the pupils to explain to them what would happen in the event of a bomb threat or if there were a person on site who posed a danger to them (lock-down). They are aware of the alarms that will sound for different 'threats' and what they then need to do. I have emphasized to them that, up to this point, none of the threats made against schools have been 'real', but that we need to practice, as we do for fire evacuation, to ensure that they understand what to do and how to keep themselves safe.

In the event of a bomb threat being made against Allenbourn, we will evacuate the school and, if we are unable to return to the building, will take the pupils to an arranged safe place. We will then send out a message via text and email to inform parents where the pupils have been taken to and arrangements for their collection. We are unable, until this point, to share the location of the safe place with you, as this would make it an additional target.

While we want the pupils to be prepared for these evacuation procedures, I don't want them to be anxious or panicked about it, so please reassure them that, as in the case of fire, these instances are very rare, but are just something we need to prepare for.

Yours sincerely

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