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Dear Parent/Carer

Fire Alarm Activation & Evacuations

In recent weeks there have been a significant number of incidents at Northfield Academy which have involved young people maliciously and deliberately activating the emergency fire alarm. On each occasion we have been required to evacuate the whole building resulting in upset, stress and potential risk to pupils, staff and members of the community.

We are committed to providing students with opportunities to succeed in terms of attainment and achievement across all year groups and aspects of the school day. We cannot allow this situation to continue without taking action against those who have purposely disrupted our learning.

On most occasions we have identified those responsible and taken strong action as a school in terms of behavioural sanctions and parental meetings in order to address these unacceptable actions.

Following discussion and advice from colleagues within Aberdeen City Council and Police Scotland it is our intention to pursue any further false activations of the fire alarm by involving the police in investigating possible criminal sanctions against those responsible.

We are continuing to review a number of policies within the school and this includes a revision of the fire evacuation procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff.

In the meantime I would encourage all pupils, parents and carers to recognise the need to maintain a ready, respectful and safe learning environment at Northfield Academy. It is particularly important as we approach vital SQA coursework deadlines and examinations which can have a significant impact on the future prospects and outcomes for our young people.

I look forward to receiving your support in resolving this matter to the benefit of our pupils.

Yours faithfully

David Craig
Acting Head Teacher
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