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Dear Parent/Carer

### Fire Alarm Activation & Evacuations

Further to my letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> September, it has come to my attention that many of the recent malicious fire alarms are originating through a social media channel called Snapchat where S1 and S2 pupils, in particular, are challenging one another to film themselves setting off the fire alarm as a competition. 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 taking action against those pupils who purposely disrupt our learning and are in the process of upgrading our CCTV system in order to provide evidence to take this action. In the meantime I would encourage parents and carers to recognise the need to maintain a ready, respectful and safe learning environment at Northfield Academy and seek your support in discussing the dangers of misusing social media in this way. I look forward to receiving your support in resolving this matter to the benefit of our pupils.

### School Based Police Officer

I am pleased to announce that our new School Based Police Officer will be taking up post on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020. PC Kerry Coutts is a highly experienced officer who will be a vital supporting partner in our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Watt  
Head Teacher

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