



29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Safeguarding is our First Priority**

You will have been concerned this week that we evacuated the school site on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November for approximately one hour. This was due to one of these unfortunately semi-frequent “bomb-hoax” calls that schools get. The entire school pupils and staff walked to the local Ward End Park where the school had already designated a stretch of land for pupils to line up in for just this eventuality. This planning took place last summer and underlines our commitment to safeguarding.

With this in mind, I thought it would be useful to take this opportunity to point out to all parents and carers exactly what the school does to keep young people safe. This list is not exhaustive but is extensive:

- CPOMs: school staff use this software to electronically log any child protection concerns around a young person and analyse patterns on a regular basis.
- Whisper: All students have access to an anonymous reporting tool, with the phone number being in students’ planners.
- We offer an extensive Personal Development curriculum for all students to teach them how to recognise and report anything unsafe, as well as how to keep themselves safe in the community.
- Our pastoral team provides one-to-one support for all students, with regular check-ins by trained, experienced Designated Safeguarding Leads.
- Clear, well-communicated and safe routines in our school to support students in learning to self-regulate and be safe in and around the school site.
- Our staff receive regular safeguarding training, which develops their knowledge and understanding of local and national issues, which enables them to further support your child in the best possible way.
- Our DSL team work alongside professionals within Birmingham Children’s Trust and the Early Help Locality Team to ensure that students requiring additional support with safeguarding concerns receive it in a timely fashion.
- We are developing a new Inclusion Hub called the BASE which provides mental health and wellbeing support for students across all year groups, such as paying for services such as Malachi Family Mentoring, Burn and Kick, as well as working closely with Compass who provide another layer of mental health provision.

I hope you have found this information useful. If you wish to give any feedback, do email me on [rreeve@corerockwood.academy](mailto:rreeve@corerockwood.academy)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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