

5 January 2018

## Letter to All Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Re 'Run, hide, tell'

As you are aware we have a duty of care to all of our pupils and through our assemblies and PSHEe programme we aim to help them develop the life skills that will enable them to stay safe in a variety of different situations. This was the focus for our in-service training day on Friday 17 November 2017.

We regularly hold fire drills to ensure we can evacuate the school in the event of an emergency and, in preparation for some school trips, we have begun to practice safety procedures based on the government guidance 'Run, hide, tell'.

Following discussions with members of our governing body we have put together a critical incident management plan. We have consulted with and received training from the Gloucestershire Constabulary and liaised with our neighbours Cirencester College and The Royal Agricultural University.

From Monday 8 January to Friday 12 January 2018 Miss Brace, Assistant Head, and I will be leading assemblies for each year group. We will be sharing two key messages; how to stay safe in crowded places and what to do in a lockdown drill. Our aim will be to alert rather than alarm our pupils.

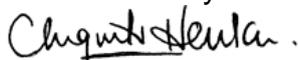
We plan to use the following resources which were circulated to schools in November 2017 as a part of the launch of Phase II of ACT for Youth campaign by Counter Terrorism Policing: <http://www.npcc.police.uk/CounterTerrorism/ACTforYouth.aspx> . These are designed to help educate young people on how to stay safe in the rare event of a firearms or weapon attack. These are age appropriate. However, to avoid any feelings of panic or distress, you may wish to follow the link and show your son/daughter the short animated film 'What to do in a weapons attack' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmYmLg-jQjc> ) and talk to him/her about its content before we show it in our assemblies.

In the week beginning Monday 15 January 2018 we plan to practice a new lockdown drill and we will be talking to our pupils about how we will manage this. This will require their cooperation. While we recognise incidents requiring this type of response are extremely rare we feel it is important that our pupils are given the skills to cope in dramatic situations.

Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Brace at the school ([C.Brace@deerparkschool.net](mailto:C.Brace@deerparkschool.net)) should you have any concerns about our plans.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Yours sincerely



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