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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to write to you to share a very real concern that I have with the behaviour and attitude of a small number of our students.

Over the first three days of this week, the fire alarm has been set off, without valid reason, on six (6) occasions. We have been able to resolve these alarm calls without the help and support of the Emergency Services. Activating any fire alarm without good cause is actually a criminal offence and, therefore, it will be our intention that any future incidents will be referred to the Police. Should the Emergency Services attend without cause, the cost of this can be as much as £3000. Students responsible will be expected, in such circumstances to cover the costs.

We have a similar situation with malicious damage to the building. Again, a small number of students fail to understand that such damage is also a criminal offence and we cannot afford to continually replace items of furniture or make repairs to doors, walls and windows without it affecting our ability to offer the activities we need and want to. I know you will understand that we will be taking a similar stance through the Police for such incidents.

In sharing this with you, I would want to emphasise that the problem centres on a small number of students but, sadly, on too regular a basis and, equally, that we take the health and safety of our students and staff very seriously. Whenever the alarm is activated, we work closely with an alarm monitoring company to ensure that all the necessary safety procedures are adhered to.

Nobody likes sending out such letters but enough is enough. The safety and wellbeing of the majority cannot be put at risk by the stupidity of a few. I hope you will support our position on this.

If you require any further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at the school.

Yours sincerely,

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Proprietor.



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