



'Creating brighter futures'

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Unplanned Fire Evacuation

Some of you may be aware that yesterday afternoon, 21.09.17, the school fire alarms activated. All pupils and staff safely and quickly evacuated the building, as you would expect, and the fire brigade was called. Due to the rain and the length of time it would take for the fire services to investigate the alarm, a decision was made to evacuate the students into The Long Eaton School (TLES). As you will all be aware, because of the very complex nature of many of our pupils this is a well thought out procedure that ensures the children and young people are safe, warm and not exposed to any unnecessary risk. Thankfully after a thorough investigation, at around 2.45pm, the fire brigade found no problem within the school. However, it was now too late for us to return easily to our main site in time for school transport. Working in cooperation with The Long Eaton School and transport provider's, students were collected from the secondary school site.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the pupils, staff and fire service for their calm and considered decision making and approach. Secondly, a huge thank you to our colleagues at The Long Eaton School and transport for working in partnership to ensure your child was safe and well. By the time school staff had ensured your child was safely on their way home it was too late to inform you directly, so brief messages were shared via our text system and the website. Please accept this as clarification of what happened yesterday and once again, well done to our students, staff and partners for a fantastic response to the situation.

Yours faithfully,

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Chris White
Headteacher