

10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parent/ Carer,

## Safeguarding - Access Control System

The safety and security of all our students is a top priority for the Academy and with this in mind over the last couple of months we have invested in a door access system at a number of points throughout the school. This is the first step in a rolling programme of safeguarding enhancements and we hope by the end of this academic year to include all external access points across the site.

The system works via a series of magnetic locks which are programmed to release the doors automatically during change of lessons, social times and at the beginning and end of the school day, thereby enhancing the security of all those on site and protecting them from unwelcome visitors.

During the event of evacuation from the premises, for example if there was a fire, the doors will release automatically, similarly if there was a power cut. Additionally, green break glass units are fitted alongside each of the magnetic lock doors, can be used to release the doors in the event of any other emergency.

If anyone would like more information about the new Access Control System, please contact Mrs Howard, Director of Finance & Business.

Yours faithfully



Ms B Matthews  
Headteacher