HENDON SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Phased withdrawal of student-owned compasses from the school site

At Hendon School, the safety and wellbeing of our students is our highest priority. Following a review of our safeguarding and health and safety procedures, we will be making changes to the equipment that students are permitted to carry in school.

With immediate effect, we are beginning a phased withdrawal of student-owned compasses from the school site. During the remainder of this term, students are asked not to bring compasses into school wherever possible. This transition period will allow families time to remove compasses from pencil cases and make alternative arrangements.

From 4 January 2027, students will no longer be permitted to bring compasses onto the school site. While compasses remain an important piece of equipment for learning, they can present a safety risk if carried around school. To ensure students continue to have access to the equipment they need, the Mathematics, Science and Design & Technology departments will provide school-safe compasses and any other specialist equipment required during lessons. Students will be expected to return all equipment to staff at the end of each lesson.

Students may continue to bring scissors to school, provided they are school-safe scissors with rounded ends. Scissors with pointed or sharp tips are not permitted. Parents and carers are asked to check that any scissors brought into school are appropriate for use in a school setting.

These changes form part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe, secure and positive learning environment while ensuring that students continue to have access to the resources necessary for their education.

From 4 January 2027, any compasses or non-approved scissors found in a student's possession may be confiscated and returned to a parent or carer.

We appreciate your support in helping us implement this change by checking your child's equipment before they attend school. By working together, we can continue to ensure that Hendon School remains a safe environment in which all students can learn and thrive.

Should you have any questions regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,



Craig McGuire
Headteacher