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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Screening Morning Procedure update

As many of you will already be aware, we have previously carried out a number of unannounced screening mornings in school as part of our wider safeguarding strategy.

These have taken place to ensure all members of our school community are safe and that any items being brought onto the school site are appropriate. Our screening mornings have involved an assembly on personal safety, searches of students' bags, and students walking through an airport-style metal detector.

Moving forward, screening mornings will continue but will be adapted to limit the impact on learning and make the process more efficient. They will now take place on a smaller scale during form time and will only involve searches of students' bags and personal belongings, similar to checks at music concerts or sporting events. The assembly on personal safety will now be delivered as part of our normal climate curriculum assembly cycle.

There will no longer be an airport-style metal detector in use, and Safer Schools Officers will not be present during these screening mornings. These mornings will remain unannounced, but parents will receive an email notification once they have been completed.

We believe this proactive measure will contribute to a safer school community will ensure that there are no banned items in school.

If you have any questions or concerns about this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Nye
Pastoral Support Manager