HENDON SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Screening Mornings

Many of you will already be aware, that as part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and maintaining a safe school environment, we would like to remind parents and carers that Hendon School continues to carry out unannounced screening throughout the academic year.

Screening forms part of our wider safeguarding strategy and helps ensure that all members of our school community are safe and that no prohibited items are brought onto the school site.

Screening can take place at any point during the school day and involves searches of students' bags and personal belongings, similar to security checks that take place at music concerts, sporting events and other public venues. As screening is unannounced, it serves as an effective deterrent and helps us maintain a safe and secure environment for all students and staff.

As previously communicated:

- Students may be selected for screening, which will involve the search of bags and personal belongings.
- Airport-style metal detectors are not used.
- Safer Schools Officers are not routinely involved in screening.
- Parents and carers will be informed by email once screening has taken place.

These searches are conducted in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy and the Department for Education's guidance on searching, screening and confiscation.

Screening is an important proactive measure that contributes to the safety and wellbeing of our school community, and we appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and positive learning environment.

If you have any questions regarding our screening procedures, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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