

23 February 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

Once again I would like to thank you for your support during yesterday's situation. I would firstly like to confirm and reassure you that students are safe and that the Academy has returned to normal.

After investigation by the emergency services, the 'suspicious item' found on the floor of the restaurant, was in fact a piece of harmless electrical equipment. Whilst we appreciate that situations such as these cause anxiety and stress, we nevertheless have to follow our policies and Police advice in such matters as the safety of students and staff are our first priority. We were advised to evacuate the building to a distance of 100 metres and no-one was allowed to return to the building to collect their belongings. As it approached the end of the Academy day, students exited the site via the Riefield Road gate and staff walked down to the bus stops with them to ensure drivers let students travel home, even those without their Oyster Cards.

I know you will be reassured that our emergency procedures were swiftly put in place and smoothly executed by staff. I would like to thank the students for their co-operation, sensible behaviour and mature attitude during the situation.

First thing this morning, students returned to their Thursday P5 classroom to collect any remaining items before resuming their usual Friday lessons from P1. During this time staff reassured students that the incident was a false alarm and that there was no cause for concern.

I apologise for any inconvenience or distress this caused you or your family but I hope you are reassured that the decisions made and actions taken were done so for the safety of all students and staff.



Yours sincerely

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