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Incident update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are deeply saddened by the recent tragic events in our Island community, and our thoughts are with all those affected. We know this news has come as a shock, and many children and families are feeling a range of emotions. At times like this, it's completely normal to feel upset, worried, confused or even angry.

Support

Please be reassured that support is available, and we are here for you and your child.

Schools remain a supportive and caring environment where routines and familiar faces can help. All schools have procedures in place to support student wellbeing. In school your child has their key contact who is their form tutor and Head of Year. We also have our three Pastoral Leaders and our team of teachers and support staff. Isle Listen are joining us in school too this week for students who need some advice and guidance.

If your child is struggling, please encourage them to talk to someone – a teacher, a trusted adult, or one of the services below:

- **Isle Listen** – A single point of access to needs based therapeutic support, signposting and resources <https://talk.islelisten.im/>
- **Kooth** – anonymous online mental health support for 11–25s www.kooth.com
- **CAMHS** – for urgent or specialist support: 01624 642875
- **Crisis Response Mental Health Team:** 01624 642860

Safety

We are mindful that this incident may cause worry about students feeling safe both in and out of school. Ramsey Grammar has routines and procedures in place to safeguard our students and staff that are practiced regularly.

What are our safeguarding measures?

- **Lanyards** - All students and staff wear lanyards with their identification cards that show the name and photo – this is so that anyone not wearing a lanyard with their ID can be spotted, reported and approached by senior leaders to ascertain whether they should be on the school premises.
- **School Uniform** - All students wear RGS uniform and our Sixth Form have a dress code. This ensures any people on the premises not wearing our dress code is identified and approached.
- **Visitors** - All visitors have to report to reception, show identification and will be signed in if they are permitted to be in the building. If any unexpected and troublesome visitors approach reception, we have emergency procedures that would be invoked immediately.
- **Student Entrances** - We have student entrances and visitor entrances. Students are only permitted to use student entrances (unless they need to sign in and out for an appointment) which means they should not use the main school entrances. This is so that if we do have any visitors who are not authorised to be on site, or who are in conflict with the school we are protecting students from that situation.

- **Picking up and dropping off** - We ask parents not to drive onto the school premises to pick up or drop off their children. This means less traffic and fewer visitors on the site that are not signed in. The only exception to this rule is our parents of children in the SPC as they do have permission to enter the site to pick up and drop off their children.
- **Lesson registers** – students are registered within the first 5 minutes of every lesson and messages are sent to the pastoral team if a student who should be there is not. Students are not allowed to leave lessons unless it is absolutely necessary. This is because in lessons students are supervised by teachers and if we did have to invoke an emergency procedure, we know students have an adult with them.
- **Signing in and out** – students are expected to sign in at reception if they are late to school and to sign out if they leave site at any point in the school day. This is to ensure we have an accurate record of students in the event of an emergency such as a fire or lockdown.
- **Fire drills and lockdowns** – we practice emergency procedures every term so that if we do ever face a real emergency staff and students know exactly what to do.

What are our lockdown procedures?

We have detailed lockdown procedures, but the main points for parents to be aware of are below:

- **Lockdown alarm will sound** – if we face an emergency where we need students and staff to stay in one place, we will sound the alarm. Students and staff know what the alarm is.
- **Lock doors and move away from windows** – staff will secure the location, move students away from windows and doors, keep everyone calm and quiet and check the staff communication channel for the emergency and take instructions from senior leaders.
- **Emergency services** – the police will be called immediately to support the incident.
- **Communication during the incident** – students are not allowed to have their mobile phones on in school and this will remain the case in an emergency. The police will be called, and they will assess the situation and then advise the Headteacher on when to communicate with parents. While we appreciate this may be worrying for parents, it is not wise for parents to be informed of an emergency before the police arrive as it could cause panic, parents may arrive at the school making it difficult for police to access the premises and secure our site. Once the police see fit to do so the Headteacher will email and text parents sharing information.
- **Ending lockdown** – once the risk has been reduced an alarm rings to end the lockdown.

Additional Measures this half term

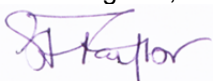
Due to the serious incident in our community, we have taken additional measures to increase our safety measures further which are:

- Reducing the number external doors that are available for staff and students to use. However, if there is a fire alarm those doors will be used.
- Limiting the number of areas for students to be during break and lunch time. We are a huge site, and we want to ensure there's sufficient supervision, therefore, the number of places for students to socialise has been reduced.
- We've also reviewed some of the events that are taking place e.g. the Year 10 UCM Taster Day and are postponing this.

Student and staff safety is always our greatest priority and we constantly risk assess to ensure we do our best to reduce the risks that we face. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,



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