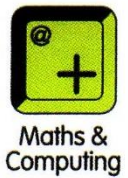




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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

## HAPPY, SAFE SUMMER – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

With the summer holiday fast approaching, it is important that students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour while they are enjoying socialising with friends and family during the break. We also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint-approach helps us to intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our students, and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would like to provide some reminders about the following:

- **Personal Safety:** be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables such as phones out of public view whenever possible.
- **Social Media:** don't allow your use of social media to put you at risk of grooming, exploitation or regret in future. Use social media positively and avoid being negative about anyone online as comments/actions may be traced back to you and you will be held accountable.
- **Weapons in public places:** carrying a knife or other weapon will get you a criminal record which can have life-long effects on travel and job prospects. Those who carry knives are also much more likely to be injured by them.
- **Anti-social behaviour:** think about how your actions affect others. A little thought and respect goes a long way.
- **Off-road bikes:** these can only be ridden if taxed, insured and driven on private land with the landowner's permission. Don't risk your life and your reputation by illegally riding these on the road.
- **Remember the company you keep:** if your friend breaks the law, you may also be held responsible for that crime – even if you weren't the one directly responsible.

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If a student is in a position where they need help, they should talk to an adult they trust. Crimes can be reported using the police 101 number or by calling 999 in an emergency.

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Yours sincerely



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