

EAF/dgr

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Dear Parents/Carers

I know that you will have had lots of concerns over the Ofsted report sent out on Friday, particularly the statement 'too many students do not feel safe.' In the November inspection, 81% of our parents/carers stated they felt their child was safe at school and it would therefore have been alarming to read the report.

Since Friday, we have tried to establish the real feelings of the students by speaking to them all individually. They were all asked whether they felt safe at school and I am pleased to report their answers below:

- 78% (359 students) said they feel safe ALL of the time
- 18% (84 students) said they feel safe MOST of the time

Hence 96% of our students said they feel safe ALL or MOST of the time which is reassuring and definitely not one that supports the Ofsted findings.

Many students gave us suggestions on what we could do to make **ALL** students feel safe **ALL** of the time. We have begun to implement some changes as of today. Please see the table below for the reasons students say they do not feel safe absolutely all of the time and the actions we will take:

Reason	Action
Other students make them feel unsafe	1:1 conversations this week with these students to understand the issues
Rough behaviour during football at lunchtime	Designated areas for year groups and a new queuing system
Corridors and stairs very busy at change over	Members of staff will do a controlled dismissal of their group and there will also be a staff presence on staircases at changeover

Please discuss with your son/daughter the recent survey and the answers they gave. The figures for feeling safe ALL of the time (78%) are very close to the parent result (81%) and therefore does question what happened during the Ofsted survey. However, we refuse to be complacent and will work with our students until ALL of them feel safe ALL of the time.

Best wishes

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