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17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**HEALTH and SAFETY update**

Unfortunately, we have seen several malicious attempts to disrupt the school day since the start of 2024. The fire alarm has been deliberately set off on several occasions, which has resulted in the entire school having to evacuate the building. This is upsetting for some students, decreases lunch time and is a waste of precious learning time for the entire school.

We have shared with all students that the fire sensors are designed to pick up changes in the air so that we can evacuate the building swiftly if smoke starts to form. This means that if a student sprays deodorant in a confined space, such as the toilet cubicles or they spray lots in an area where there is a sensor, the fire alarm will be activated.

**Contraband items: Spray deodorants and spray perfumes.**

We have now alerted students to the fact that they should only bring in roll on deodorant/perfume to school. This is for health and safety reasons such as supporting children and adults in Colton Hills Community School with asthma and ensuring that the fire systems are triggered appropriately.

We have talked to students about UK Law and how deliberately setting off a fire alarm in a public building is an offence. Due to UK Law being broken if a fire alarm has been set off deliberately, we have had to suspend several students as we deem this behaviour to be significant.

Please can you reiterate this message at home and support us in this drive to maintain our focus on learning.

Yours sincerely,

Ms J Hunter  
Headteacher