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Dear Parent/Guardians,

I am writing to inform you of our plan to deliver a Safeguarding assembly to all pupils next week. The assembly is in addition to work students have undertaken on personal safety in CPHSE lessons this year which has also had a specific emphasis on knife crime. We have a statutory and moral responsibility to ensure that all students at St. Michael's are aware and understand the following issues;

- Knife crime
- Female genital mutilation (FGM)
- Lockdown procedures

Please do not be alarmed by any of the above topics, all London schools are required to address these issues, especially the 'Lockdown procedure'. Given our central location it is logical that we are prepared for any eventuality, the best way to do this is to run a trial lockdown procedure in the next few weeks so that pupils know what to do in the unlikely event that we have to lockdown the college.

If the college was experiencing a real Lockdown procedure parents would be informed by parent-mail. Bearing this in mind, it is of vital importance that we have your most up to date mobile number at all times. We understand that this would be a highly stressful and worrying time, however, we must impress on you that in order to limit risk and not put pupils and staff at further risk, if you receive a lockdown message you **must not call the college**, as this will tie up lines that would be used to contact emergency services. Also, **do not come to the school until requested or attempt to call your child's mobile phone**, as this could be putting people at risk.

The college lockdown policy will be available on the website. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. In advance, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Nottage

Assistant Principal Behaviour, Inclusion and Safeguarding

