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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: SAFETY FIRST WEEK

Last week was Safety First Week at Fairfax. As part of this week, students received an assembly on how to use the SHARP System to report incidents of unsafe behaviour.

In addition to this, students had a series of inputs on:

- Safe behaviour in school
- Safe behaviour in the community
- Safe behaviour online

Prohibited Items

One of the sessions was based on knife crime and prohibited items. Fairfax Academy is a large community where everyone should feel safe. As such, students were reminded that any item that could be considered a weapon would be dealt with seriously. This included any sharp items. Please note that students are not permitted to bring craft knives to school for Art and Design; should students need to use these items they will be provided by the Academy. Please be reminded that Fairfax Academy follow the DfE Guidance on searching and confiscation and also work with our local police team to run a Knife Arch Programme.

Please take the time to discuss the assembly with your child, along with the importance of reporting unsafe behaviour.

Online Behaviour

Students regularly have reminders regarding the safe use of social media and internet throughout the Personal Development Programme and also in focus weeks such as Safety First Week.

As many of the issues we deal with in school are related to inappropriate use of social media, we strongly advise parents to regularly review their child's phone and their social media content and to regularly discuss the impact of posting negative comments or inappropriate comments on social media.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Academy