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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: the 'ACET Searching, Confiscation and the Use of Reasonable Force Policy'

Please find attached to this email our new 'Searching, Confiscation and the Use of Reasonable Force Policy'. We hope that this brings some further clarity about the academy's approach and reasons for when a student may need to be searched or when an occasion may arise when staff need to use reasonable force.

The policy also highlights this in terms of our safeguarding responsibilities and the legal position with regards academy staff searching students and using reasonable force. It is important to note that the academy's approach to these areas is not new. The purpose of bringing everything together in this policy is to ensure that everyone is clear about our approach.

The areas covered in this policy are also monitored closely by our local governing body and staff are currently receiving refresher training linked to these areas.

As parents/carers, you will see in our policy that you will be made aware of any occasion where your child has been searched or staff have needed to use reasonable force.

Please be reassured that such approaches are used very infrequently in our academy. Our students are regularly reminded about our high expectations and they make us proud every day.

If you have any questions about this policy or require further clarification then please contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lindsey Burgin
Principal



All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.