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Dear Parents and Carers

SAFEGUARDING

At South Dartmoor Community College, safeguarding students is a key priority and we regularly undertake safeguarding assemblies and tutorials with our students. Each year, we are required to draw parents' attention to our SDCC Child Protection Policy and SDCC Behaviour for Learning Policy. These can be found on the college website under ABOUT US and POLICIES. Here you will find information on potential safeguarding risks, key staff and our referrals procedure. In the POLICIES section, you will find the Child Protection Poster, which identifies key safeguarding personnel.

I must also inform all parents and carers that there may be occasions where we have to make safeguarding referrals to external agencies, without parental notification. In these cases, we would like to assure you that we are always acting in the best interests of a child's safety. Throughout the year, we share information to support parents with issues such as dealing with online dangers, social media and types of risky behaviour.

At South Dartmoor, we have very high expectations for behaviour and safety and we always work together to achieve this. However, we must highlight that in certain areas, we operate a zero tolerance approach. This will include any form of unprovoked physical violence or verbal abuse (such as swearing at a staff member) or bringing drugs/drugs paraphernalia onto the College site (or when travelling to and from school). In these cases, this will result in an exclusion, and particularly with regard to drugs and drugs paraphernalia, it is highly likely to lead to a permanent exclusion.

I very much appreciate your support in helping us to ensure that South Dartmoor Community College remains a safe and happy place.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Vile
Assistant Principal