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Dear Parents/ Carers,

## **RE: Stairwell Fire Escapes**

Your child has been seen inside the fire escape stairwells and this is a restricted area.

Fire Escapes are only for use when there is a risk to life. These must not be used without proper supervision and whilst staff are keeping eyes on students using no go areas, they are not safeguarding 900 other students which is a Health and Safety issue. These areas are monitored by CCTV and students caught using these areas inappropriately and without authority will face appropriate sanctions.

Tutors have reminded students of this regularly during tutor time alongside other areas of the behaviour expectations.

It is important that we address this robustly with pupils where this is a concern. I trust that we can rely on your support with this as we all want the best outcome for our children. If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact your child's Tutor or Head of Year in the first instance.

Moving forward, any student seen in the stairwells will face an immediate fixed term exclusion.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mark Foden Vice Principal.