



St Martins School
Moors Bank
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08/11/2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Safer School initiative

The *Safer School* initiative is a school security initiative that encompasses personal safety. It was created by West Mercia Police and with the support of Shropshire Council, virtually all Shropshire schools are following the process.

The initiative is a practical and realistic risk management approach to the security/safety of school staff, pupils, property and the premises. Following the satisfactory completion of the process, schools receive the *Safer School* accreditation, and this accreditation is reviewed every two years. No two schools are the same and therefore, it is site specific to individual schools. The process involves a *Safer School* meeting, with representatives of the school following a comprehensive package. *Safer School* meetings are held annually, and parents/carers are informed of progress through newsletters.

The essential elements of the package are as follows: -

1. Implement basic security measures applicable at all schools i.e. property marking, and visitor passes etc.
2. Consider pro-active security/safety measures for the site/building and protecting assets.
3. Establish a procedure for recording incidents i.e. anti social behaviour, vandalism etc. Any recorded information can then be analysed. In addition, the same recording procedure can be used for surveying a problem i.e. an unauthorised thoroughfare.
4. If there are any projects to be undertaken, they are prioritised. Following the implementation of a project, the success of it is reviewed.
5. PSHE or involvement of the Police Youth Engagement Team.

As part of the *Safer School* process, the school would appreciate your views. Please could you complete the attached survey and forward any particular views/concerns, including any positive observations. **The focus of the survey is the school grounds/site.** If any parents/carers are interested to hear more about the school's involvement, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C A Jones

Deputy Headteacher



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Please can you complete the following survey. **The focus of the survey is the school grounds/site.** Responses are required by Friday 15 November 2024. All responses are strictly confidential, however should you wish to receive a reply, please feel free to include your contact details.

1.	Do you feel that our school site is a safe site? If 'no' what do you feel could be done to improve the situation?	Yes or No
2.	Do you feel that the site is tidy and welcoming? If 'no' what do you feel could be done to improve the situation?	Yes or No
3.	Do you consider the current school signage to be clear and sufficient for new visitors arriving at the school? <i>This would include a sign stating the name of the school and direction signs to the school reception/office.</i> If 'no' what would you suggest?	Yes or No
4.	Are you aware that as a parent/carer visitor during the day, you should report to the school reception via the main entrance?	Yes or No
5.	On the occasions you have visited the school, do you feel that both the school visitor badges, and staff ID system are well deployed and evident? <i>If you have not visited the school during the school day or, only attended assemblies or similar gatherings when the school visitor badge system may not be used, please answer - N/A.</i>	Yes or No or N/A
6.	Unauthorised use of school grounds can be an issue for some schools. When the school site is closed, are you currently aware of any trespass or unauthorised use of our school site? This would include people walking dogs. If 'yes' please can you give further information.	Yes or No
7.	We would love to hear of any good observations that you may wish to share. Thank you.	

Thank you completing the survey and the school will feedback to parents/carers in due course.