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Dear Parents/Carers

You may be aware of the recent hoax bomb calls made to schools in Sandwell and other parts of the country.

We have therefore reviewed our evacuation procedures in the event of a similar hoax bomb call being made to the Academy.

Police advice is that collection of coats and bags should not be a recommended option, and these items would therefore have to be left in the building until clearance is given to re-enter.

If we do receive a hoax bomb call it is essential that students refrain from texting, using social media or taking photos. We will ensure that we send out text messages and make posts on Twitter (@q3academy) and Facebook (Q3 Academy Great Barr) to alert parents to the situation. This information will always be timely and factual. Students contacting parents only adds to the anxiety, worry and in some cases, panic.

Please be reassured that the safety of our students is a priority. By evacuating the building, students will be safe from immediate danger. We would not return to the building unless the Academy was deemed safe therefore students do not need to be taken home and miss lessons.

We will continue to seek the latest advice and support available and to develop and refine our plans accordingly.

Attached to this letter is an update from the Sandwell Local Policing Unit.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of keeping us updated with your contact details. If you do not currently receive text messages from us, it would be helpful if you could let us have a mobile number as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely



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