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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/or 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 education of pupils as per the Safer School pack.

As part of the process, the school would appreciate your views. Please could you complete the attached survey and forward any particular views/concerns, including any positive observations, in writing so they may be considered at a Safer School meeting. The focus of the survey is the school grounds/site and general school security.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Karen Morris
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 Wednesday 20th October 2021. 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 The Meadows School site is a safe site?** **Yes** or **No**

   If 'no' what do you feel could be done to improve the situation?

2. **Do you feel that the site is tidy and welcoming?** **Yes** or **No**

   If 'no' what would you suggest?

3. **Do you consider the current school and directional signage around the site to be adequate?** **Yes** or **No**

   If 'no' what would you suggest?

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. You should be aware that daytime visitors are asked to wear a school visitor badge and staff should wear their school IDs/school uniform.

   Do you feel that both the visitor badges and staff ID/uniform system are well deployed and evident on the occasions when you visit? **Yes** or **No**

6. Unauthorised use of school grounds can be an issue for some schools.

   Are you currently aware of any unauthorised people using our school site out-of-hours? This would include people walking dogs? **Yes** or **No**

7. Please feel free to add any further comments, including any good and positive observations, thank you.