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Dear Parents,

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The risk of internet fraud has seen a step change in the last year and this notice therefore has increased importance.

We have no intention of changing the school's bank account for paying school fees. If our bank account details did need to be changed for any reason in the future **we would never communicate new bank details by email**. If you have any doubt about the school's bank details please call us to clarify.

We are aware that a number of independent schools have reported that their parents have received emails from fraudsters. These criminals are becoming more sophisticated in sending what look like routine emails that appear to come from school email addresses. Some of these frauds have unfortunately been successful at other schools, for example appearing to offer early bird discounts or a discount when paying bulk fees upfront, which end up going to the fraudsters' bank account, and not to the school. Another example is a more 'routine' email stating that the school has changed its bank details whereby the bill payers mistakenly pay the fraudsters rather than the school. If you have any doubt about the school's bank details please call us to clarify.

The importance of a strong password on your main email account which you do not use on other sites is a key defence as this is where password resets will be sent if you click 'forgotten password' on other applications. If at all possible you are strongly advised to enable two-factor authentication on your main email account.

Thank you for your continued vigilance.

Yours sincerely,



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