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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Fire Drill at Shoeburyness High School Today

In the interests of transparency I thought it best to let you know that there was a fire alarm at school today; this was as a result of a smoke detector picking up some cleaning spray.

You will be aware that it is not our common practise to share with you each time we have to evacuate the school due to a fire alarm but, due to some of the reports that are making their way in to the media currently regarding schools and their procedures I have taken the decision to tell you about the fire drill today; we are not living in normal times and trust between home and school is more crucial than ever.

Having already practised their fire drills the students behaved impeccably in following the procedure outlined below:

- In walking to the evacuation point they were all walking in the same direction and were supervised.
- Once at their evacuation point they lined up in single file in their form groups and so also in their year group bubbles.
- Only two year groups are within one boundary area at a time and remain lined up away from each other.
- They were then dismissed one year group bubble at a time.

We received reports that in an area of the year 8 bubble the alarm was not audible. Our layered procedures meant that the children were still evacuated with all other students promptly and safely. This is something that is already now being checked and addressed.

I just want to end by reiterating how superbly the students conducted themselves today.

Best Wishes

Clare Costello
Headteacher