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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Building Fire Safety**

Following the truly awful events at Grenfell Tower, I have been contacted by several parents seeking reassurance about our building's construction. Not unexpectedly, every public building in the UK is currently having its construction reviewed.

During the period of construction for our school, Ian Denchfield and I attended many meetings on health and safety in the build, where the emphasis was very much on it meeting all current criteria. Regardless, as a belt and braces approach, I have gone back to the contractors to confirm their position and expect to hear from them during this week.

As points of reassurance, I would emphasise key points including:

- our regular fire drills all demonstrate that we can totally empty this building in a very short period of time if needed
- the concern currently is particularly for buildings above 10 storeys as the fire services advise that this was the level at which they started to have trouble accessing people: ours is 3 storeys; 4 including the roof
- our building is fully equipped with a sprinkler system - Grenfell Tower was not
- our building has a suite of modern fire protection facilities including a full suite of fire doors and an early detection system

I am sure that I am not the only one for whom the images of the night of the fire at Grenfell Tower will stay with them for many years, if not always. Our students and staff are keen to show their ongoing support for all of the victims and, as such, I anticipate us being in touch again in the near future regarding a fund raising event.

Yours sincerely

Alison J Garner  
Principal