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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware there have been a number of emergency evacuations as a result of malicious activation of the fire alarms.

Although frustrating and disruptive, it is essential that we continue to follow all the necessary procedures to ensure our school community is fully protected in the event of a real fire. We continue to work with our colleagues in Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, South Ayrshire Education and South Ayrshire Health and Safety.

Every effort is made to investigate any malicious activation of a fire alarm and identify the culprit(s) and this has met with success in the past with appropriate actions taken against the young people concerned. Nevertheless it is not always possible to identify those responsible in a large school building, despite our best attempts.

We recognise that the vast majority of our young people are not involved in setting off the alarms and experience the inconvenience of having to evacuate the building. Nevertheless it has come to my attention that some students have welcomed the fire evacuations and the inevitable disruption to Learning and Teaching that this brings.

It is important therefore to educate our young people on the serious consequences of diverting our retained fire service from their essential duties and as a result the Fire Service has agreed to deliver some assemblies for our S1-3 on the seriousness of malicious fire alarm activation. I would appreciate your support in reinforcing this at home through discussion.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Hobson", followed by a horizontal line.

Graeme Hobson
Acting Head Teacher