



## **Bonneygrove Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful summer break . As we prepare to welcome children back to school, I wanted to write to you with some information and reassurance.

Recently, some stories have been shared on social media suggesting possible risks to schools. Hertfordshire County Council has been advised by the police that these stories are unfounded and we have been assured there is no cause for concern.

At the same time, some parents/carers have asked about Martyn's Law and how this affects schools. It may be helpful if I explain briefly.

### **Safety in Schools**

All schools are required to have plans in place for keeping children safe in different situations, including a form of "lockdown drill." These are very similar to the fire drills that children already practise. They are part of the Department for Education's normal guidance on site security and are designed simply to make sure staff and pupils would know what to do if they ever needed to.

### **Martyn's Law**

In April 2025, the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, also called Martyn's Law, came into effect. This law asks public spaces – such as shops, leisure venues, places of worship, and schools – to have straightforward procedures in place to ensure people's safety. For schools, this means continuing the same sensible approach we already follow: having a plan, practising it occasionally, and keeping staff and pupils confident about what to do in the unlikely event of an incident.

I want to stress that these precautions are just that – precautions. They are part of the wider safeguarding work schools already do every day to make sure children are safe, happy, and able to learn. The likelihood of needing such procedures is extremely low, but it is good practice to have them in place, just as we do with fire drills.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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