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Dear Parent / Guardian

Safer School Initiative

The Safer School initiative is a school security initiative that encompasses personal safety. It was created by West Mercia Police and with the support of Shropshire Council, the majority of Shropshire schools are following the process.

The initiative is a practical and realistic risk management approach to the security/safety of school staff, pupils, property and the premises. Following the satisfactory completion of the process, schools receive the Safer School accreditation and this accreditation is reviewed every two years. No two schools are the same and therefore, it is site specific to individual schools. The process involves a Safer School Group following a comprehensive package. Safer School Groups meet on a regular basis to follow and implement the Safer School process and parents/carers are informed of the Group's progress through newsletters.

The essential elements of the package are as follows:-

1. Implement basic security measures applicable at all schools i.e. property marking and visitor passes etc.
2. Consider pro-active security/safety measures for the site/building and/or protecting assets.
3. Establish a procedure for recording incidents i.e. anti social behaviour, vandalism etc. Any recorded information can then be analysed. In addition, the same recording procedure can be used for surveying a problem i.e. an unauthorised thoroughfare.
4. If there are any projects to be undertaken following the Group's work, they are prioritised. Following the implementation of a project, the success of it is reviewed.
5. Education of pupils as per the Safer School pack.

As part of the process, the school would appreciate your views. Please could you complete the attached survey and forward any particular views/concerns in writing so they may be considered at a Safer School Group meeting. *The focus of the survey is the school grounds/site.* If any parents/carers are interested to view the Safer School package, they are welcome to visit the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Thompson
Headteacher



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Please can you complete the following survey. The focus of the survey is the school grounds/site. Responses are required by 13th July 2017. All responses are strictly confidential, however should you wish to receive a reply, please feel free to include your contact details.

1. **Do you feel that the Bryn Offa CE Primary School site is a safe site?** Yes or No
If 'no' what do you feel could be done to improve the situation?

2. **Do you feel that the site is tidy and welcoming?** Yes or No
If 'no' what would you suggest?

3. **Do you consider the current school and directional signage around the site to be adequate?** Yes or No
If 'no' what would you suggest?

4. **Are you aware that as a parent/carer visitor during the day, you should report to the school reception via the main entrance?** Yes or No

5. You should be aware that daytime visitors are asked to wear a school visitor badge and staff should wear their school IDs.
Do you feel that both the visitor badges and staff ID system are well deployed and evident on the occasions when you visit? Yes or No

6. Unauthorised use of school grounds can be an issue for schools.
Are you currently aware of people using our school site out-of-hours? This would include people walking dogs? Yes or No

7. Please feel free to add any further comments.