



**St. Peter's**

Church of England Primary School

**LOVE LEARN SHINE**  
***Shine in the light and love of God.***

Tuesday 9 January 2024

Dear Parents

**Re – Emergency Evacuation Tuesday 9 January 2024.**

As you are probably aware earlier today we quickly responded to advice from the police and evacuated all children, staff and visitors to St Peter's Church. At the point of evacuation, it was unclear how long the evacuation would last. On this basis and to provide reassurance to parents and children we notified families that children could be collected. We remained at St Peter's Church until we were informed by the police that it was safe to return to school.

Everyone remained safe and happy throughout the process and I would like to thank everyone involved for the calm manner in which they dealt with this most unusual day. I must say how thoroughly impressed I was with every single child who calmly, maturely and sensibly did everything that was asked of them and helped to look after each other so well. They were a credit to themselves, their families and our school. Very well done.

Thank you also to the wonderful staff team and parents for their calmness, understanding and support in dealing with the events of today.

We would like to reassure families that any absence this afternoon as a result of being collected will be authorised.

Thank you to everyone who has sent kind messages of support with regard to the management of the situation. These messages exemplify the kindness and thoughtfulness of our school community.

We look forward to a more typical and routine day tomorrow.

Best wishes

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