



Warboys Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Who would have thought after an impromptu fire drill last week we would be doing another so soon followed by a full school off site evacuation!

- The fire alarm was raised at 10:22 a.m.
- The school building was evacuated and roll call completed by 10:26 a.m.
- The fire service were called and the whole school site evacuated by 10:30 a.m.

They say practise makes perfect and it certainly did on Monday. It was a calm and successful evacuation, which on this scale is not an easy task by any stretch of the imagination. Although the weather was not in our favour, the children were brilliant and for the first time space blankets had to be used for the younger children, to ensure they were kept warm.

As you would expect, our first priority was to ensure children and staff were safe, before we sent information out to parents. I am aware that there were a few parents who would have wished us to send information about the incident to you earlier than we did and obviously messages hit Facebook before our first message was sent out. I send no apologies for the timing of our communication - safety will always come first.

We have now been informed that the fire alarm was triggered by smoke from an electrical fault in a store room. Thankfully, the installation of additional smoke alarms prevented the situation being far more serious. The fire service made the building safe and the whole incident was over in less than 1.5 hours. An electrician has now serviced the electrical circuits to ensure everything is safe and fit for purpose.

The school was praised by the fire service for its swift actions and for evacuating the children so promptly. Incidents of this nature certainly put things into perspective. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank Nigel Graham at the Baptist Church for his hospitality, and also the few parents who sent messages thanking us for keeping their children safe - it did mean a great deal to staff.

In the light of this 'near miss', I will be reviewing all of our fire and emergency evacuation procedures with staff and governors.

Angela Boxall
Headteacher



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