



# NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

*We believe in creating a community empowered with the qualities,  
skills and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with  
confidence and ambition.*

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Dear parents and carers

I hope this letter finds you well.

## Prayer Rooms

At Nottingham Girls' Academy we have always, and will always, support our pupils in their devotion to their faith.

For our Muslim pupils, this has always included the provision of a prayer room. This year, with the restrictions imposed on us due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have only been able to provide prayer rooms for each separate year group in the form of classrooms in their year group zones when they are unused at lunch time. This is all we have available.

Any of our Muslim pupils wishing to use their year group's prayer room may do so. To ensure that pupils wishing to gain entrance to the building to pray are able to, we ask they get a sticker from their Head of Year for their planners that can be checked at the door. This is unfortunately necessary to prevent those who do not wish to pray entering the building and disturbing those that do - something that was an issue for some pupils recently.

Of course, incidents like this can sometimes happen despite our best efforts, but the impression created by a highly misleading petition that circulated parts of the school yesterday - that these are frequent, widespread occurrences that staff don't care about or that we have neglected our Muslim pupils - is simply not true.

We are proud of our pupils who show dedication to their faith and want to support them in doing so. We also know that they are not the ones who are misusing the privilege of being in our buildings.

As has always been the case, if pupils have concerns, requests or suggestions, then they can discuss these with us and we will do our best to resolve them.

Equally, if parents or carers have concerns, requests or suggestions, we would encourage them to contact the school rather than sharing inaccurate and unfounded information through social media.

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## Parking

We have had some further complaints from local residents about parents parking over their drives when they are waiting to collect their children from school. In at least one case, when a parent was asked to move, they became abusive to the local resident.

This sets an appalling example to the children in our school.

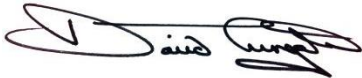
I would therefore appeal to any parents who do collect their children from school, that they try to park further along Robins Wood Road at an agreed place to meet their child. If you cannot do that, please do not park over our local residents' drives or become abusive if asked to move along.

## Bank Holiday

Just a reminder that this is a bank holiday weekend and so pupils will return after the long weekend on Tuesday 4 May.

I hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Yours faithfully



**David Tungate**  
**Principal**

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