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RE: Money being taken

Dear Year 5 Trinity Families,

This letter is to make you aware of an incident that has happened in 5K today. Although this was in one class, I wanted to ensure everyone in Year 5 was aware of the seriousness.

We have had several students bring in cash (notes) today. One pupil brought in a large sum of cash (over £60) which was given away and/or stolen; another had money stolen from their backpack. Some of the notes passed between a lot of hands. A different pupil ended up with some of the money in their backpack but have claimed they did not take this money.

Money is a huge responsibility and has a lot of power. Seeing how the pupils have reacted today I think it is imperative to ensure all the children are safe at school, including financially safe. It is a great learning experience for children to have a small amount (some coins) of money to use at the shop. This teaches responsibility and the power of the pound. However, we cannot have large sums of money coming into school. I would also encourage that any money that comes into school be given to the office and collected at the end of the day. This will keep all money safe.

Due to the incident of money ending up in a bag, without the pupil's knowledge, we have had all the children in 5K go through their bags after lunch. No adult went through the bags, instead the children were asked to get their own items out and ensure no money was put in their bag.

I am sure, upon reflection, you can remember this happening when you were in school; it is almost a key lesson we all need to learn. Please speak with your children about why money has power and how to keep themselves safe around money.

I think it is important to keep families in the loop of what has happened, especially when serious matters arise, and I thank you for your support.

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