



St Peter's

Collegiate Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share that our recent SIAMS Inspection Report highlighted the 'calm and purposeful' environment we have created and our ongoing commitment to improvement. While most students uphold our vision and values, there have been isolated reports of behaviours that, if left unaddressed, could undermine our academy's ethos and sense of safety.

These concerns relate to physical contact without consent, including playful 'roughhousing' or, less commonly, other forms of unwanted touch. Although often unintentional, such behaviour can cause some students to feel unsafe, leading to worry and anxiety. As part of our duty of care, we must ensure all students feel secure and supported so they can thrive.

To address this, we have introduced a 'No Touch' approach, aligning with practices in other local secondary schools and many primary schools. This aims to prevent a culture where physical contact without consent is seen as acceptable. Students who breach this expectation will receive a 30-minute detention.

We will review this approach over the coming weeks, incorporating student feedback. This change is part of a broader effort to educate students about appropriate behaviour in professional settings, preparing them for life beyond school. Our immediate priority, however, is to ensure all students feel safe.

We will keep you informed as we evaluate and refine our approach. Thank you for your support in fostering a safe and respectful school environment.

If you have any queries regarding this change, please contact me at the academy.

Wishing you and yours the very best for the New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Bradnick-Thompson
Assistant Principal

