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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS AND CARERS

Re: David Walliams' Books in Our School Library

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of a decision taken this week regarding books written by the children's author David Walliams.

Following the publication of serious allegations in the UK media concerning David Walliams, including reports of alleged sexual misconduct and inappropriate behaviour involving teenage girls and young women, we have taken the decision to remove all of his books from our school library with immediate effect.

We recognise the extremely serious nature of the allegations being reported, particularly where they are said to involve young people, including girls of school age. As a school, the safeguarding and wellbeing of our pupils must always remain our highest priority. We also recognise that these remain allegations, which David Walliams has denied, and it is important that they are not presented as established facts or conclusions.

Our responsibility extends beyond the day-to-day safeguarding of children. It also includes ensuring that the books, resources, authors and individuals we actively promote within our school environment reflect the values, standards and safeguarding principles that underpin our work. Having carefully considered the nature and seriousness of the information currently in the public domain, we believe that temporarily removing these books is the most appropriate and responsible course of action at this time.

We appreciate that David Walliams' books have been popular with many of our pupils and that some children may be disappointed or have questions about their removal. Should these questions arise, staff will respond with sensitivity, reassurance and age-appropriate explanations, ensuring that children's wellbeing remains central to any conversations.

We wish to emphasise that this is a precautionary decision, made in light of the seriousness of the allegations reported and our responsibility to act in the best interests of the children in our care. It should not be interpreted as a judgement on the individual or on the outcome of any allegations. We will continue to keep the decision under review as further information becomes available.

Our commitment to fostering a love of reading and providing children with access to a rich, diverse and engaging range of literature remains unchanged. We will continue to ensure that our library offers pupils an inspiring and welcoming selection of books that supports their enjoyment of reading, curiosity and learning.

We hope you will understand that, as a school, we must always err on the side of caution when matters arise that have potential safeguarding implications. The safety, welfare and best interests of our children will always guide our decisions.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,