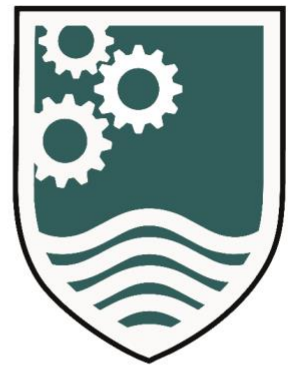


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30th June 2026



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Dear Parent/Carer

SMART Response® Level 4 Practice Drill

At Bloxwich Academy, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff is our highest priority. As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and secure school, we will be carrying out a **SMART Response® Level 4 practice drill** during this half term.

Just as we regularly practise fire drills, it is important that we also rehearse our response to other emergency situations. These practice drills help ensure that staff and pupils know what to do, remain calm, and can respond safely should a real emergency ever occur. SMART Response® is Matrix Academy Trust's structured, levelled approach to responding to emergency incidents. It combines clear procedures, defined roles and regular scenario-based practice to help schools respond in a calm, proportionate and effective way.

The drill will be carefully planned and managed by staff, with pupils fully supported throughout. Before the drill takes place, pupils will be reminded that this is a practice exercise and staff will be available to reassure and support them at every stage. The drill is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 8th July at 2:45pm**.

When the drill begins, parents and carers will receive a message through our normal communication system **clearly stating that this is a practice drill**. This message is for information only and **no action will be required**.

While we hope we never need to use these procedures, practising them is an important part of keeping our school community safe. In the same way that we practise fire drills, these exercises help ensure that everyone knows how to respond confidently and appropriately in the unlikely event of an emergency.

If you would like to find out more about SMART Response®, including why it has been developed, how it supports schools, and the training and resources available, please visit the [Matrix Academy Trust SMART Response® website](#). The website contains additional information, videos and answers to frequently asked questions for parents and schools.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide a safe environment for all members of our school community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Eardley'.

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