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Dear Parent or Carer

Following the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in North Kensington, fire safety is at the front of everyone's minds and you may already be aware of the work that Islington Council has been doing to ensure that council housing across the borough is safe.

The council is now reviewing non-residential buildings, including schools, to check that they are also as safe as possible.

One area that is being checked is whether the same type of cladding used on Grenfell Tower has been used on any of our buildings. This type of cladding is called Aluminium Composite Material (ACM).

Our school has some cladding on the first and second floors on the side of the building that faces Highbury Grove which is thought to be ACM.

The Department for Education (DfE) has asked councils to supply details of schools in the borough that have ACM and are over 18 metres in height. Our school is under that height and is therefore not considered an immediate concern. However, both we and Islington Council want to go beyond current advice to make sure that our buildings are as safe as possible.

I have asked London Fire Brigade to visit the school to see if there are any additional steps we should take to ensure our building meets fire safety standards and of course, we will act on whatever their advice is.

I want to reassure you that the school already takes fire safety extremely seriously and that anything the fire brigade suggests will be on top of a list of measures that are already in place, including:

- A fire alarm system with automatic detection. This is tested weekly.
- A sprinkler system.
- A fire risk assessment which we review regularly.
- A fire emergency plan which is co-ordinated with Samuel Rhodes SEN who share our school site. We undertake fire drills each term and know that we can evacuate the entire school in around 5 minutes.
- Multiple fire escape routes which are inspected regularly to keep them clear.

Your child's safety at school is my top priority and I will be working closely with the council to establish next steps and any additional action we need to take. You can also find more information about fire safety on the council's website [www.islington.gov.uk/firesafety](http://www.islington.gov.uk/firesafety) which will be regularly updated throughout the summer holidays.

If you have any questions you are welcome to contact me, or alternatively, you can email the council at [firesafety@islington.gov.uk](mailto:firesafety@islington.gov.uk)

I would like to reiterate that based on current guidance, there is no immediate cause for concern with our building. The council wants to go the extra mile to make sure Islington schools are safe and I welcome and support that approach.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aimee Lyall', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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