

13 November 2024

Dear staff and parents,

Re: Resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury

We acknowledge the news that the Head of the Church of England, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, resigned yesterday as a result of the report which stated he could and should have acted on the child abuse that took place in the 1970s and 1980s when it came to light.

We want to reassure all our community – parents, staff and children – that we treat the safeguarding of the children in our care as paramount importance. We are vigilant for any aspect of abuse and have transparent processes so any adult or pupil can raise concerns openly. At ELT, as well as having trained staff we also use independent support from the local authority to check our procedures making sure we have a robust culture of safeguarding in all we do. We have put much effort into creating positive schools where all children know they belong and can feel secure – however we are always vigilant.

Our diocese have released a statement which we will share with you: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/news>

In the meantime, please rest assured that our headteachers and their dedicated teams will continue to care for your children with the utmost professionalism. We are committed to providing them with the best education possible, ensuring they receive an excellent start in life.

If you have any questions please do get in touch.

Kind regards



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