

ATTENTION TO ALL PARENTS: “PANTSING” – An overview for ALL PARENTS. Pantsing is an act of physical bullying where a victim’s trousers are pulled down in a public setting. While many children and students view Pantsing as a prank or a joke or a playful act, we MUST remind them that in the UAE this is strictly viewed as a form of Bullying and will be treated in that context. This act could have serious psychological trauma on students and cause lasting embarrassment. **We ARE STRONGLY REMINDING ALL PARENTS** to talk to your children and explain to them that under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST ANYONE COMMIT THIS ACT.**

DANGEROUS GAMES THAT HAVE POTENTIAL FOR INJURY: We would like to bring to the attention of parents that some students, particularly boys in Years 5-9 have been playing games like ‘black shoe’ or ‘shoe tag’ during the break. This involves large groups of boys, running after each other, trying to stamp another’s shoe/foot. This happens in the setting of a crowded quadrangle of children during the breaktime, many of whom are sitting and eating their snacks. The act of strongly stamping another’s foot/shoe could lead to serious injury and we urge parents to kindly speak to your children about the potential dangers. We will not be permitting them to indulge in such games.

NOT STANDING NEAR ANY DOOR (EITHER AT HOME OR AT SCHOOL): We would also like parents to talk to children and reiterate to them the dangerous implications of hanging around or standing near doors. We have quite often noticed that children tend to move near the door to peep out in between lessons to look for the arrival of the next teacher, sometimes a child returning from the washroom may not see them and upon suddenly opening the door could potentially and unknowingly injure the person near the door. Proximity to any door could always have the potential for fingers getting jammed or other injuries and we would urge ALL parents to sit with children and have these important conversations with them.