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Dear Parent/Carer

National Test of the UK Emergency Alerts Service

As you probably know, on Sunday 23 April 2023 at 3pm, there will be a national test of the UK Emergency Alerts Service, which is a new government service set up to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, for instances such as severe flooding, fires or extreme weather. Click [here](#) for further information.

We are sharing this information and highlighting it to all parents/carers in case they didn't not know as we are aware that two groups of people in particular, maybe vulnerable:

1. The Neurodiverse, for those for whom alerts may cause distress or for them to feel uncomfortable. Specialist services have warned the alert could cause anxiety for a number of vulnerable people, including those with learning disabilities or autism.
2. Those who may have a secondary hidden phone such as victims of domestic abuse, as this may leave victims at risk. The National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV) warns people with hidden second mobile phones to turn off the alerts to avoid revealing the location of their devices.

The Government has produced guidance on opting-out of the test if either of these issues apply to you or someone who you will be with at the time of the test.

Yours faithfully

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