

Dear parents/guardians,

Following on from our email last week to alert you to the significant number of fraudsters currently targeting independent schools, we have since been alerted to cases of St Mary's parents specifically being emailed.

The cases that have been sent over the weekend have been from a 'Mrs Rooty' using the email fees@stmarycambridge.co.uk and offer a discount on school fees. This is not a genuine email. This individual is not an employee of St Mary's School and you may note that the email address is slightly amended (with the second "s" from "stmaryscambridge" removed). Please do not respond to the email, or share any of your bank or personal details as a result of this email. Please rest assured we are investigating this incident and have alerted the authorities to the email and are doing everything we can to stop this from happening in the future.

As we mentioned previously such scams are often sent by email and occasionally followed up by a phone call. The emails may appear to be genuinely from the school and may ask you for your bank details. We will never email in connection with early payment discounts or other financial incentives. St Mary's bank details have not changed - and we have no intention to do so. The school's bank details are included on your fee invoice which is sent out via post to parents resident in the UK.

Should you receive any communication from the school that you deem suspicious for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact the Bursar directly (bursar@stmaryscambridge.co.uk).

We thank you for your help and vigilance in this matter and wish you all a relaxing break.

With best wishes,

Mark Johnstone

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