

24 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that your children enjoyed a pleasant and relaxing half term.

We wanted to update our families as some have very helpfully shared their concerns regarding a recent social media trend across London. This started in East London, but during the holidays, a London-wide trend followed, where local secondary schools were grouped into "reds" and "blues" and youths were encouraged to engage in violent behaviour and record the event.

The Police are aware of this and have been taking action locally to support schools and young people. They have requested that we share the letter overleaf with you. We believe that the original post was removed from TikTok but is likely to be reshared on multiple social media platforms.

As a precaution, we are working closely with local partners and will remain in contact with the police. We are also reminding students in school about expectations around conduct, safety, and responsible use of social media.

We would ask parents and carers to:

- remain vigilant
- be aware of your child's whereabouts and movements after school
- speak with your child about online behaviour and personal safety
- report any concerns to the school or police where appropriate.

Student safety is always our priority. We will continue to monitor the situation and will share further updates if needed.

Wishing you all well for the half term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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Important Safety Message Regarding Recent Escalations

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are writing to make you aware of recent tensions and escalating incidents of violence involving young people across neighbouring areas.

We understand that disputes can sometimes arise between friendship groups or areas. However, we are increasingly concerned about hostile exchanges, social media provocation, and discussions of planned confrontations after school hours. This behaviour places young people at serious risk of harm.

Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of every child.

To Parents and Carers

We ask for your support in:

- Speaking with your child about staying away from conflict and not getting involved in "area" disputes
- Monitoring social media use and being alert to messages encouraging meet-ups or retaliation
- Reporting any concerns to the school or local police
- Knowing where your child is after school and who they are with

Please remind your child that carrying weapons, encouraging violence, or attending planned fights can have life-changing consequences — both physically and legally.

To Students

We want to speak directly to you:

- It is not weak to walk away — it is strong and smart.
- Social media arguments often escalate quickly and can lead to real-world harm.
- Being present at a fight — even if you are "just watching" — can still put you in danger.
- Carrying a weapon does not make you safer. It significantly increases the risk to you and others.

You have a future that is worth protecting. One decision made in the heat of the moment can have consequences that last a lifetime.

If you feel unsafe, pressured, or worried about something that is happening, please speak to a trusted adult at school, at home, or contact local police. Early intervention helps prevent harm.

We will continue to work closely with schools and community partners, and there will be increased patrols in key areas at peak times to ensure safety.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping to de-escalate tensions and keep all young people safe.

kindest Regards

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