

## **Update – 28.06.23**

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you regarding the issues that arose today as a result of the social media post that made reference to a potential threat at the school. As stated earlier today, whilst it was assessed by us and the police as a highly unlikely event and a hoax, we did take a wide range of precautions to ensure the safety of all staff and students including a high police and staff presence in and around the school throughout the day as well as a strong staff and police presence at the school gates and within the local area at the end of the day. I have also requested a police presence at the start of the day tomorrow to support the actions that we are taking. The police have agreed to this request.

I would like to reassure parents and carers that contrary to some messages that were shared during the day on social media platforms, there have been no violent incidents today and that no adult or child has been arrested.

Further to this, we will continue to work with the police and social media providers to try to identify those responsible for these messages and take the necessary steps to sanction those involved.

With regard to the wider impact of social media I would politely ask parents and carers to use platforms such as WhatsApp with greater care. Whilst these platforms can be useful for finding out information about activities in the school, etc. they can often be used to spread false information, which can cause distress.

I hope that as parents and carers you are reassured by the information that I have shared and feel confident to send your child to school as usual in the morning.

Yours sincerely

**Gary Mullings**  
**Headteacher**