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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Joint Communication Regarding Online Posts Encouraging Violence

Please read the latest joint communication below from The Police, Bristol City Council and South Glos Council with regards to the recent online posts encouraging violence between students attending schools across the local area.



We are aware of posts circulating on social media relating to a national online trend that appears to encourage violence between pupils. Some of these posts refer to schools in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire area. We recognise that this will be worrying for some families, so we want to reassure you that we are closely monitoring the situation and working with our local partners.

Avon and Somerset Police have confirmed that, **at this time, there is no intelligence to suggest that these posts relate to any real or planned incidents.**

To help keep your child safe, parents and carers may wish to:

- Have open, non-judgemental conversations with your child about their online activity and what they may be seeing or hearing
- Make it clear that any trend promoting division, confrontation, or violence is unsafe and unacceptable
- Explain that simply attending or observing organised gatherings can still put them in danger
- Encourage them to speak to you, a teacher, or another trusted adult if they feel pressured to take part

Families are urged not to repost or circulate related content, as this can unintentionally amplify the situation.

Further advice and information on anonymously reporting concerns is available at:
[Fearless.org](https://www.fearless.org)

You may see an increased police presence in some areas over the coming days. This is being arranged to provide visible reassurance within the community and includes additional patrols outside several schools.

School remains the safest place for children and young people, and we continue to follow our usual safeguarding procedures. If you or your child have any concerns, please contact us directly in the following ways so that we can provide support:

- **Call 999** in an emergency or if anyone is at immediate risk of harm.
- **Avon and Somerset Police non-emergency number:** 101
- **To raise concerns about a child or young person:**
 - Bristol City Council Social Care: **0117 903 6444**
 - South Gloucestershire Council Social Care: **01454 866000**
- **Mental health support (Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership):**
 - Adults: **0800 953 1919**
 - Children and young people: 0800 953 9599
- **Online emotional wellbeing support for young people aged 11–18 is available via [Kooth](https://www.kooth.com).**

Ends.

Please ensure that you know where your children plan to go after school from SMRT today, particularly as our finish time is slightly earlier than many other schools in the area. We reinforce the message above that students should not try to attend gatherings to observe or engage with any planned conflict that they read about online.

Many thanks

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