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Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s) and Carer(s),

We are aware that some isolated posts promoting violence between schools have been circulating on social media in recent days, and we understand that this may have caused concern among families.

Essex Police are monitoring the situation closely and are in regular contact with any schools affected across Essex to offer reassurance and support. The police are also monitoring online activity and will work with social media platforms to request the removal of posts and deactivation of accounts where threats or encouragement of violence are identified.

Essex Police officers will continue to maintain a strong and visible presence around schools, where appropriate. They will respond promptly and firmly to any reports of violence or disorder to help ensure the safety of all young people and our communities. Essex Police's children and young person (CYP) officers will be working with schools to remind young people of the serious consequences of becoming involved in situations of this nature. Any involvement in violence or carrying weapons can lead to arrest, criminal charges or even imprisonment, with long-term impacts on future opportunities.

We ask that you speak with your child/ren about staying safe, making responsible choices, and reporting anything that concerns them to a trusted adult. If you have any questions or need further reassurance, please do not hesitate to contact your school.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Inspector Mirrington-French
Children and Young Persons Lead Essex Police