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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to confirm that the online 'school wars' we wrote to you about last week has not led to any violent incidents anywhere in London or across the country. Please see following [news article](#) which we hope reassures you.

It has been reported in the press that police have arrested a 15 year old and a man in his twenties in connection with the viral post.

We are very proud of the way our students responded to the posts, a clear indication that they are digital natives and are able to filter and analyse the information they encounter online in the vast majority of cases. The students dismissed the posts remained calm and carried on with their studies. We do understand that social media can prove frightening to parents due to the harm that could potentially be caused if such incidents were to occur. For this reason, the school and local police took a proactive approach and acted quickly to this social media trend but did so in a calm and moderate way. As a school we remain committed to keeping our students safe and educating them about using social media wisely. To address these concerns and educating students to stay safe online and in person, we will continue to deliver:

- A well-considered and thorough Personal Development Programme during tutor time and year team assemblies about how to keep themselves safe in and out of school and online.
- Our PSHE programme and wider curriculum (such as in IT) incorporates lessons in every year group on staying safe online and responsible use of social media, including encouraging students to report any concerning content to a trusted adult at school or at home.
- We have invited in external speakers, such as the Two Johns and Parent Zone who have spoken to students about using social media safely and Being Internet Citizens able to spot mis and disinformation.
- A wider assembly programme covering safeguarding throughout the year, including online safety as part of Safer Internet Day.

### What you can do:

Our students have grown up in a world of social media, and it is important that we talk to them about their use of various social media platforms. We must accept that we must bring them with us as a generation and teach them about safety and harmful content. To support in keeping themselves safe online, we encourage you to support by sharing the same messages we share with them in school and in the following ways:



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- Please delete any worrying content rather than share this with your child. Sharing the content only generates further attention and may unnecessarily increase anxiety among young people and families. Social media algorithms are designed to amplify whatever generates engagement.
- Talk openly and calmly with your child about what they have seen online. Ask them how it made them feel and reassure them that they can always come to you or a trusted adult at school if they feel worried or uncomfortable about anything they see on social media.
- Review the privacy and safety settings on your child's devices and social media accounts together. TikTok offers a 'Family Pairing' feature which allows parents to link their own account to their child's, giving you greater control over content, screen time and messaging.
- Remind your child to never agree to meet with anyone they have only met online.
- Encourage your child to use the report and block functions on TikTok and other social media platforms if they see harmful, threatening or upsetting content. This helps get the content removed quickly and safeguards young people too.
- For further support and guidance on keeping your safe online, we recommend visiting some of the support organisations we have shared on our [school website](#).
- Social media companies do have age limits and the following provides some guidance to parents on this: [Social media guides - UK Safer Internet Centre](#).

We hope this reassures you that your child is safe in school and we take our commitment to keeping them safe in and out of school and teaching them to be responsible citizens seriously. Thank you for your partnership in doing so.

If you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

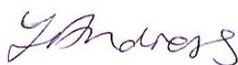
Yours sincerely,

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