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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing, in conjunction with my Headteacher colleagues, from local secondary schools across the borough to make you aware of a disturbing social media post that is currently circulating locally. We are aware that there have been several similar posts circulating in neighbouring boroughs also. The anonymous post, which has been reported to the relevant social media companies, uses aggressive language and imagery to promote violence between secondary school pupils, framing conflict as rivalry and encouraging young people to engage in physical confrontation. It also appears to encourage pupils to film and share incidents with the intention of humiliating others.

While we are not aware of any specific information confirming actual planned events, we must be clear that any involvement in violence or the promotion of violence will be treated extremely seriously. This includes behaviour that takes place in school, on the journey to and from school, and within the wider community. It is important to note that school expectations, behaviour policies, and sanctions always apply, not only during the school day.

In addition, it must be stressed that such behaviour may also lead to police involvement where appropriate. I can confirm that all local secondary headteachers are aware of the contents of this post and that the police, and the London Borough of Tower Hamlets have been informed. We understand that the relevant authorities are actively investigating the source of the post and monitoring online information closely.

I, along with my HT colleagues, are asking all parents and carers to support the safety of all young people by:

- speaking directly with your child about this issue, to see if they have heard anything, and to make it clear that violence, or the promotion of violence, is unacceptable.
- checking your child's phone and social media accounts for any evidence of, or information linked to the post.
- ensuring that the post has not been shared or engaged with; and
- insisting that it is deleted immediately if it is found.

We must stress how important it is for young people to understand that sharing, endorsing, or engaging with content that promotes violence causes real harm and can create a lasting digital record, with serious consequences both now and in the future.

We know that the vast majority of young people want to come to school safely, learn, and be part of a positive community.



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Maintaining a calm, safe, and peaceful environment for all families requires strong partnership between schools and parents, and we are grateful for your support in reinforcing clear expectations at home.

If you have concerns about your child or become aware of further online content that promotes harm, please contact the school's safeguarding team directly via dsl@bishop.towerhamlets.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we work together to keep our young people and communities safe.

Yours in service,



Mr A Hall
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