

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may well have seen coverage in the media of a TikTok craze which is causing serious concern. This involves the deliberate instigation of fights between students from named schools across London presented as Red and Blue teams. Whilst these organised scuffles are very likely not to take place in practice, local police have been made aware and given the following reassurance:

- *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.*
- *The police are also monitoring online activity and have worked with social media platforms to request the disabling of several accounts where threats or encouragement of violence were identified.*

We are not currently aware of students from the school engaging with this – however it is important to make parents/carers aware so that the following points can be reinforced at home for maximum security as they have been in assemblies at school.

- The school is committed to the safety of all students and relies on active collaboration to ensure that this is the case.
- Senior staff are on duty at the end of school to ensure safe dismissal. Students must never loiter at the school gates or in the local area.
- Engagement in violent confrontation is both dangerous to the individual and antisocial in the community and must be avoided.
- If students are aware of rumours of fights these must be reported so that preventative steps can be taken.
- Students who plan, provoke or engage in fights – including choosing to remain in the vicinity of a confrontation – will be subject to serious sanctions/direct involvement with the police.

Parents should also let us know if there is any evidence of involvement within the community and are encouraged to check their child's social media/smartphones at home in order to keep our schools safe.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Ms R Walsh
Headteacher



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