



# Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the half-term we have been made aware of an image currently circulating on social media, primarily Snapchat. Some of you have also contacted us about this, not surprisingly concerned about its content. The image refers to several local secondary schools, seeking to place them into opposing "Red" and "Blue" groups, and to encourage conflict between young people on this basis.

All schools have received this communication from Croydon Police: *"We are aware of social media posts currently circulating among students across several boroughs which appear to place certain schools on opposing 'sides'. At this stage we have no intelligence to suggest planned violence or organised disorder; however, we are monitoring the situation ... Please ensure that staff are aware so they can monitor pupil behaviour, discourage the sharing of these posts, and pass on any concerns. We ask that schools do not circulate the material to students, but that duty staff remain alert during arrival and dismissal periods."*

Their advice is: *"Any safeguarding concerns or relevant information can be passed directly to your Neighbourhood Policing Team contact, via 101 or Crimestoppers."* They have also assured us as follows: *"We will continue to monitor these posts, inform our local partners particularly in the areas listed and will respond accordingly to ensure there is a proportionate policing presence should that be required."*

As a school we have spoken with the police directly and will continue to do so, as needed. We will keep up our daily duties and support for pupils as they travel to and from school. We do not want anyone's schooling to be disrupted by things such as this.

We encourage you as parents and carers to monitor your child's social media activity and to speak with them about safe and responsible on-line conduct. Pupils should avoid engaging with, sharing, or responding to this content. They should go straight home after school and keep well clear of any events or gatherings referenced in these posts.

We will contact you if there is any further information to pass on. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, calm and positive environment for our school community. Our shared vigilance is important in a situation like this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Parrish". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Richard Parrish  
Headteacher