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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware, either from your child or from media reports, of a current social media trend involving messages that encourage antisocial behaviour and organise so-called 'fights' between local schools inciting "school wars". You may have seen this called "Red vs Blue". This trend originated in London and has unfortunately spread to other parts of the country. To be clear, we are not aware of this having any direct relevance to Stocksbridge at this stage; we have not been informed of any posts that have explicitly named our school. Nevertheless, like all schools locally, we are exercising appropriate caution.

We expect our students to refrain from engaging in any such activity and to continue to uphold our school values. We will be reinforcing this message with students and ask that parents and carers do likewise. Any student who misuses social media to share, circulate or promote such posts, or who actively engages in such incidents, will be subject to the serious disciplinary action available in line with our behaviour policy, and the matter will be formally referred to the police where appropriate.

What are we doing as a school in response?

- Sharing information with staff so they are aware of what the trend is and what to listen out for.
- Working closely with the relevant authorities to monitor the situation, and all other secondary schools in the area are doing the same.
- Continue to liaise closely with local partners to ensure we work collectively to prevent this issue developing beyond a social media trend and keep our children safe from harm.
- Increased staff presence outside school at the start and end of the school day.

We do not believe there is an immediate risk to student safety at this stage and all actions are proactive; reassuring you that we are aware of the trend and have been monitoring in the background. We chose not to write to you until now as we didn't want to draw unnecessary attention to it; however, given the extensive media coverage, we thought it was appropriate to share our current position with you.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in this matter.

Yours Faithfully,



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