



## ST THOMAS BECKET CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear parent/carer,

You may be aware that there is currently a trend where students are being encouraged to enter “into battle” with other local schools. This is something that is happening nationwide, and police forces across the country and being very vigilant of.

While we are not aware of any instances of the online discussion evolving into something physical, we are being proactive in our approach as so many schools are being named in these battles.

As a precaution, we will be increasing staff presence at the school gates at the start and end of the school day and are continuing to monitor the situation closely. Until this trend passes, it is also likely that police will make their presence known near to lots of schools at key points in the school day.

We ask that you please keep a close eye on your child’s social media activity and have conversations with them about responsible online behaviour. If you become aware that your child is part of any discussions about battles, which are often referred to as School Wars or something like “red versus blue”, then please let us know by emailing [gbeaney@tbcs.nor.olicatschools.org](mailto:gbeaney@tbcs.nor.olicatschools.org).

By working together, we can ensure that our school community remains safe and supportive for all students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

P McCahill  
Headteacher



**RESPECT**



**TRUTH**



**COMPASSION**



**JUSTICE**



**FAITH**



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