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Dear parent/carer,

As you may be aware, there has been a post circulating on social media in recent days encouraging school students to take part in organised disorder.

A number of secondary schools have been named in the post and St Thomas Becket is one of them.

It would appear that this is a national issue with similar posts circulated across other areas of the country.

I would like to reassure you that since we were made aware of this post, we have been working closely with Northamptonshire Police and West Northamptonshire Council to deter all of our students from getting involved.

Police officers have actively increased patrols in specific areas and have been supporting schools in responding to the concerns. These patrols will continue in Northampton today between 15:00 – 17:00 pm and into next week. Rural areas will also have visible patrols outside the named schools between 15:00 – 17:00 pm today.

Although these extra patrols are precautionary, I hope our joint response to this matter demonstrates the seriousness with which we and the police take the safety of our students. We have strongly encouraged anyone thinking of attending this event not to do so as anyone seen fighting or wielding weapons of any kind will be arrested by police.

We would also ask parents/carers to speak to their children to ensure you know where they are and explain the dangers of getting involved in violent or disorderly behaviour. Protecting our young people is a shared responsibility, and we must all work together to keep them safe from this kind of irresponsible online behaviour.

Anyone with concerns can raise them with the school's safeguarding team via gbeaney@tbcn.olicatschools.org or the neighbourhood policing team at neighbourhoodteamnorthampton@northants.police.uk or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or on the website at crimestoppers-uk.org



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Yours sincerely,

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