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Dear families

Further update from Merseyside Police

Merseyside Police have provided all schools in Liverpool with the following update about the events of today. *We would ask people to avoid spreading rumour and misinformation in relation to malicious communications reported at several Merseyside schools earlier today, Monday 9 March.*

Enquiries remain ongoing after we received the reports, which are all believed to be hoax, and work to identify those involved and take appropriate action continues. No schools have been asked to close by Merseyside Police.

We do not believe there is a wider risk to school staff, children or the wider public. Fear is being created by false information circulating in WhatsApp groups and on social media. Do not share anything you do not know to be true. False information can have real world consequences.

Detective Inspector John Black said: "We understand that parents and carers will have concerns, but we are linked in with all schools affected and providing advice and reassurance as enquiries continue.

"Based on the information we have received and assessed, there has been no requirements for any school to close." "This matter is being treated as a hoax, but we are aware of rumours circulating on social media which are creating additional concerns for parents and guardians.

"At this stage no arrests have been made but we will issue appropriate updates when available and continue to liaise with those schools affected." If you have any information, you can call 101 or DM @MerpolCC on social media. You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

We absolutely appreciate that you may be concerned about your child's safety and welfare however we encourage you to read information shared online and across groups with care. We would encourage you to send your son to school tomorrow at the normal starting time of 8.25am. If there are any further updates please be assured that we will let you know as soon as possible.

Best wishes

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Deputy Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead

