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Dear families

Further update from Merseyside Police

We have been asked to share the following update with families regarding yesterday's events.

UPDATE: REPORT OF MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS AT SCHOOLS

Superintendent Karl Baldwin said: "We are aware of the concern that was caused yesterday, following emails containing malicious communications being received by multiple schools." "We are continuing to investigate to identify the person, or persons, responsible. We urge everyone not to share information that you do not know to be true. The matter is being treated as a hoax. "I would like to extend my thanks to our schools, and partners, for their support yesterday, and the calmness with which the matter was dealt with.

"There have been no additional reports received by Merseyside Police and schools are open as usual today. You may see a heightened police presence in and around school areas. This is purely to provide support and reassurance and is in no way an indication that we consider there to be any real-world threat to any school. "If you have any further concerns or require additional support or advice, please stop and speak to any police officer or contact us via our online reporting tool".

If any schools are concerned, please contact your Neighbourhood Policing Team at: [Contact your local policing team | Merseyside Police](#) or your Safer Schools Officer via normal routes.

In the coming days we will be working with partners across local authorities, and education, to develop a joint plan to manage any future malicious communications.

We are pleased to see many of our young people in school this morning. We fully understand how unsettling this situation was for families, and we appreciate you being anxious and concerned. We would like to reassure all our students, families and staff that school is safe, and we are open today as normal. We are aware of lots of information being shared on social media which seems to be adding worry for some of our families. We would however encourage you to send your son into school as normal.

Merseyside Police are keeping all Liverpool schools updated regarding ongoing enquiries. If there is any risk to the safety of our school community, this will be communicated to you with accurate, factual, up to date information.

Kind regards

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