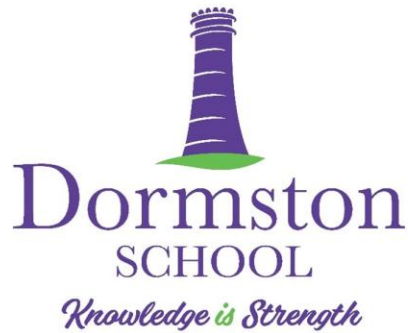


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ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers



Good Afternoon, I would just like to update all parents and carers following the communication sent to you this morning about suggested "School Wars".

First and foremost, I would like to thank parents and carers for their overwhelming support and vigilance today in providing information, intelligence and in many cases just sharing rumours and concerns.

As a school we understand that once something starts on any social media platform things can move rapidly, gaining traction where often there is very little substance. Students and staff in school today have been nothing short of fantastic. Random screening and bag searches took place as students came in to school this morning. All have been spoken to with regards some of the messages and rumours that they may have heard or received. There has been increased presence of staff going into lessons and at social times just to ensure that all students feel safe and supported. We have reminded students throughout the day of whom they can speak to and where to raise concerns or share information if they need or want to. Students have also been reminded that at Dormston we strive to be the best version of ourselves and that engaging in any such anti-social and threatening behaviours could have severe repercussions for them with regards school sanctions.

I have been in communication with neighbouring schools and we have shared any relevant intelligence that we have had between us. Our PCSO (PC Arch) has been in school today, as he would usually be on a Thursday, and he has been high profile at social times for those students that want to talk with him

At the end of the day today, senior and pastoral staff have been on duty far beyond the school gates to ensure that even after school we have safeguarded students. To the best of my knowledge there have been no incidences between Dormston students and those from other schools after school tonight. This is exactly what I would expect from Dormston students and trust that you would share that expectation with me.

Thank you once again for your support. If you have any ongoing concerns please contact your child's Year Leader in the first instance for support and reassurance.

In the event of any physical disturbance this evening you should contact West Midlands Police Tel 101. As of 4pm today police have confirmed to me that there have been no reports of disorder in our area since the end of the school day.

Please see below the statement from West Midlands Police that we have been asked to share:

We're aware of reports in the West Midlands and nationally suggesting children from some schools are planning to take part in organised fights.

We are speaking to schools locally and offering them support where necessary. We'd urge parents to speak to their children around their use of social media and other online platforms to ensure they are staying safe.

Resources available for further support:-

['School war' Tiktok and Snapchat trend: Warning as 'wild west' posts shared - BBC News](#)

[Parents and Carers - Life Or Knife - The choice is yours \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](#)

[Teachers and Professionals - Life Or Knife - The choice is yours \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](#)



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I will write again to you tomorrow if there is further information that needs to be shared with you.

I look forward to seeing all students in school tomorrow.

Have a restful evening.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and flourishes, likely representing the name Mrs Sutton.

Mrs Sutton
Headteacher