



WOODLANDS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Local and National Civil Unrest

I hope this message finds you well. As we approach the new school term, I want to take a moment to address some important matters concerning the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and the broader school community.

Safety and Attendance First and foremost, I want to reassure you that our school remains a safe place for all children. Regular attendance is crucial not just for your child's education but also for their overall wellbeing. We are committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, supported, and valued while they are here.

Our Shared Values Our school community is built on the values of Respect, Compassion, and Acceptance, (WARMTH). These principles guide everything we do and are more important than ever in these challenging times. We encourage everyone - staff, pupils and parents alike - to embrace these values in our daily interactions. By fostering an environment where differences are celebrated, we can help our children grow into respectful and compassionate individuals. Our school rules that all staff and children follow are: Be Kind, Be Respectful and Be Proud.

Support and Reporting Concerns We understand that events in the news over the summer break may have caused concern or anxiety for some pupils and families. I want to remind you that we have clear and accessible avenues for support within the school. Whether your child needs someone to talk to or you have concerns you'd like to raise, please know that we take all reports seriously. It is essential that our children know they can speak up about anything that is troubling them, and that they will be heard and supported. We encourage all of our children to speak to any Woodlands Park staff member if they have any concerns or worries. They can also come along and speak to any members of the safeguarding team, who are currently Miss Ramsey (Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Vollans, Mrs Prout, Mrs Grocott and Mrs Dudytsch. Mrs Dudytsch is also our Family Support Worker who is available to talk with any child or family members if needed. I have requested the NSPCC to come into school and talk to all of our children with their programme "Speak Out and Stay Safe". This will be alongside a Picture News assembly on Friday 6 September focusing on kindness, acceptance and respect.

Inclusivity and Community Engagement We are also particularly mindful of the needs of pupils and families from ethnic minority backgrounds and cultures. Ensuring that everyone feels included and supported is a priority for us. We are in close communication with local authorities, including the police, to ensure we are up-to-date with any relevant information and that we can respond appropriately to any concerns that may arise.

Next Steps We will continue to keep you informed as we receive further guidance and updates. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can.



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Thank you for your continued trust and partnership as we work together to provide the best possible environment for our children.

Kind regards

Eve Vollans
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