



Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form



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ASPIRE TO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY

'Aspire not to have more, but to be more.' Oscar Romero

Dear Parent and Carers

23 February 2026

We would like to make you aware of some recent social-media posts circulating across several London boroughs, including Waltham Forest, referring to "school wars." These posts list groups of schools and suggest that pupils may take part in various point-scoring activities which pit students against each other.

Please be reassured that the school, local authority and the police are fully aware of this online activity. We are working closely in partnership with our local Safer Neighbourhood Teams, and there is a **zero-tolerance approach to any form of disorder**.

At this time, we have no indication of any specific risk to our pupils, and this communication is intended purely as a precaution.

How you can help:

- Please speak with your child about staying safe, avoiding online rumours, and not engaging with any social-media challenges connected to this trend.
- We would also encourage parents to ensure that pupils are not bringing items to school that could be associated with rival identifiers (for example, coloured bandanas)
- If you or your child become aware of any information that may be helpful, please report it directly to the police via **101**, or **999 in an emergency**.

What is being done:

- Local Safer Neighbourhood Officers will be carrying out increased patrols around school finishing times.
- Additional police resources have been made available to support local schools, if required.
- Holy Family staff will continue to maintain a visible presence at the start and end of the day to help monitor and deter any inappropriate behaviour.

Our expectations:

- At Holy Family we have a zero-tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour both in and out of the school. It is important that students feel safe both in school and in the community.
- We will always take the most rigorous steps to sanction any student who becomes involved in this type of activity, either as an individual or as part of a group. This includes using permanent exclusion where appropriate.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maintain a safe and calm environment for all our pupils.

Yours sincerely

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