

Tuesday 13th October 2026

Dear Year 5/6 Parents and Carers,

Important Information Regarding an Incident in Granada Park

I am writing to make you aware of an incident that took place in Granada Park yesterday evening involving a number of children known to the school.

The incident occurred at Granada Park and resulted in police attendance. We understand that an item which could be used as a weapon was brought to the park and was subsequently seized by the police. We are also aware of a physical incident between children which was recorded on a mobile phone and then shared via a messaging group containing children of primary school age.

Following the sharing of this video, a number of inappropriate comments and threats were exchanged between children online. We are also aware that the incident has been discussed across various messaging groups and social media platforms.

Please be assured that we are taking this matter seriously. We have contacted our local policing team for further information and advice and are working with them to ensure that any appropriate follow-up actions are put in place. Today, school staff have also spoken with a number of pupils to help us develop a clearer understanding of the events. Individual parents have been contacted where this has been considered necessary and appropriate.

We are sharing this information with parents and carers of children in Years 5 and 6 because we are aware that some pupils in these year groups may spend time in the local community, and/or Granada Park, without direct adult supervision. We hope that by communicating openly, we can help prevent unnecessary speculation while encouraging a shared approach to keeping children safe.

The safety and wellbeing of all children remains our priority. As with any safeguarding concern, we will continue to work with relevant agencies, including the police where appropriate, to ensure that children receive the support, guidance and intervention they need.

We would strongly encourage parents and carers to:

- Increase supervision of children when they are spending time in the community, particularly when visiting Granada Park.
- Ensure they know where their children are, who they are with and when they are expected home and that they discuss with their children what action to take should they find themselves in an unsafe or uncomfortable situation.
- Regularly monitor children's mobile phones, messaging apps and online activity.
- Talk openly with children about appropriate behaviour, both online and offline, and the consequences that can arise from making threats, sharing upsetting content or becoming involved in disputes.

- Remind children that recording, sharing or commenting on videos of incidents involving other children can cause further distress and may create additional safeguarding concerns.

We would also like to remind parents that WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 13 years old. If your child is accessing WhatsApp or other messaging platforms, we strongly recommend that parents actively monitor usage and regularly discuss expectations around online behaviour and digital safety.

To support parents in managing children's online activity, we recommend exploring parental monitoring and digital wellbeing tools such as **Qustodio**: <https://www.qustodio.com/en/>

You will also find a National College information leaflet regarding children's use of WhatsApp by clicking this [link](#).

As part of our ongoing work around safeguarding and personal development, we will be delivering additional PSHE sessions with pupils to reinforce expectations around respectful behaviour, responsible use of technology, online conduct, conflict resolution and making safe choices in the community.

We appreciate that some parents may have questions or concerns. If you would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Lennon
Headteacher