



Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

26th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the recent correspondence sent during February half term, we are writing to update you regarding the concerning trend involving red and blue “teams,” that has been circulating on social media platforms, including TikTok. We are aware that this trend has now gained momentum online and several schools including Beths Grammar have now been “named.” We are also aware that further information related to specific dates or organised “rounds,” has also been posted online as listed below:

Round 1 – Friday 27th February

Round 2 – Monday 2nd March

Round 3 Wednesday 4th March

Round 4 – Thursday 5th March

Final Round – Friday 6th March

Several versions of similar posts have been circulating on social media networks and schools across multiple London Boroughs continue to be mentioned, almost daily. Further to this, common “posts,” seen online mention everyday school items such as rulers and mathematical compasses as potential “weapons.” We appreciate that there has been some growing concern amongst our parent/carer community regarding this and we wanted to again reassure you that we are monitoring the situation closely and have been liaising with Bexley Local Authority and the community police - we will of course keep you informed if we receive any further updates in due course. We are also aware that the Met Police are investigating this growing online trend and are asking that any information related to this is reported to the Police directly via 101 or the Met Police online reporting link [here](#), quoting “Operation Cedarfield.”

If your child is aware of any information or is sent anything related to this please remind them not to share with anyone other than the police, as sharing information such as this with anyone other than the police, could be considered incitement. Our message as a school has been clear: our young people should not participate in any such activities. We would appreciate you again reinforcing this message with your child.

Please also be reassured that we have spoken with our young people during tutor time and assemblies this week regarding our expectations when representing our school in the wider local community. Indeed, any student found to be involved in behaviours that are unsafe or that bring the school into disrepute will be dealt with very seriously.

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We would also like to again reiterate the practical steps you can take, as parents/carers to support your child and help to ensure they are safe from harms such as this:

- Talk with your child about what they are seeing online and remind them to avoid engaging with (or sharing) any content that incites harmful or violent behaviours, including “targeting” other students and schools
- Remind your child that trends such as these can very quickly escalate and may carry ‘real world,’ consequences, even if they are promoted or framed as a “game”
- Reassure your child that if they see something online that is concerning or worrying or they are contacted or pressured to become involved in such trends, they should tell a trusted adult at home or in school immediately
- Where possible continue to use parental controls and privacy settings on your child’s devices and social media accounts
- Actively and regularly monitor online activity and discuss any emerging issues with your child
- Remind your child to travel home directly after school and not gather in any local areas such as Bexleyheath Broadway for the foreseeable future.

We are also aware that this trend has had some press media coverage and whilst we understand that this may also be a concern to our parent/carer community, we wanted to reassure you that we are treating this as serious and doing everything we can to keep our school community safe.

Should any parents have any further concerns or queries then please feel free to contact the school directly.

Finally, we would again like to thank our parents/carers for the continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A. Jones
Deputy Headteacher