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Dear families

You may be aware that there has been social media activity in the last few days on platforms such as Snapchat and TikTok encouraging students in secondary schools around England to stage protests in relation to issues such as the use of toilets and uniform, etc. These incidents have been highlighted in the news and have been dangerous and unsettling for many students and staff. Please speak to your child/ren and encourage them not to follow this trend in any way.

As an academy, we always want to work with and listen to our students and we take pride in the fact we value purpose over power. We have always rationalised our values-driven and proven approach to our students, and continually communicate why decisions have been made. If there are times where students don't feel they understand the reason behind a decision, they are encouraged to speak to staff and senior leaders to gain clarity and a greater understanding. We are always happy to listen and will make reasonable adjustments where appropriate.

Furthermore, we have an established student voice system in place, mainly led by our student council. If your child wants to become more actively involved in making sure their voice is heard, they are more than welcome to apply to join this council. In addition, our student steering group met for the first-time last week to discuss their first project, our parent group has now been established and will meet for the first time in the coming weeks, and our drop-in parent surgery takes place from 8:30am to 10:00am every Friday morning. I would encourage all students and families to engage with these mechanisms for feedback.

Thank you for your continued support and for speaking to your child/ren about using the appropriate channels to get their voice across.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Jacobs
Principal

