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Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to provide further clarity on our actions following the social media posts which have been circulating about our academy, which has also been the case for other local schools. Upon being made aware of the posts, we took immediate action to liaise with the police, who quickly assured us that they do not consider there to be a credible threat.

To provide reassurance to the community and as a completely precautionary measure, there will be police presence several times throughout the day. The academy is operating as normal throughout the week, and so we expect your child to be in school on time ready to learn as usual.

I understand and empathise with you all that this use of social media has caused increased concern and provoked an emotional impact within our community for many. On behalf of the school, we kindly ask that you do not share these social posts further as to not cause any further undue concern.

Separately, and as part of our ongoing commitment to health and safety, this week I have been delivering assemblies on how we keep our academy safe. I have been very impressed with the maturity our students have shown in these assemblies. We will continue to work with our students so they know the importance of being responsible and safe online and understand the negative impact that inappropriate use of social media, including sharing false information, can have.

This incident has highlighted the great strength of our local community through our partnership working, including with families, other local schools and authorities. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to clarify the situation both to your children and the wider community and ensuring we can support our students to feel happy, confident and safe in coming to school.

Our top priority is always the safety of our community and to ensure that Ormiston Maritime to be a safe and welcoming school, where every student and staff member is comfortable, looked after and able to focus on what they are here to do.

If you have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Robson', written in a cursive style.

Mrs C Robson
Principal

