



# Walderslade Girls' School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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I am writing to you concerning some rumours this week which relate to concerns at Greenacre Academy and Walderslade Girls School.

On Friday 23rd September an incident occurred where an adult demonstrated inappropriate behaviour towards students and staff at the secondary schools. Many of the Greenacre and Walderslade teachers came out to support the incident and deal with the ensuing large numbers of students that gathered.

As a result of this incident, which is being investigated by both schools as it pertains to students at both schools, there has been an increase in the number of staff in the community at the end of the school day. The schools have also requested support from Medway police to ensure there is no community disturbance. We thank them for their support.

Whilst the incidents being investigated are being taken extremely seriously, and students involved are aware of the ongoing situation, I would ask that parents do not use school drop off or collection time to challenge other parents or students. This behaviour is deeply inappropriate and student and staff safety should not be compromised over disputes that can be handled by the school, or should you feel the need, the police.

Any parent displaying inappropriate conduct will be contacted by the relevant school and may be subject to partial or full bans from the site, this includes attending meetings and parent evenings.

For parents who have been concerned following Friday's incident, the schools have been open to discuss this, it is always important that we share what we know, rather than using social media as a platform for gossip and sharing wildly inaccurate information. Social media sites such as Facebook, Tik Tok, snapchat and Instagram have become a forum for some inaccurate and increasingly malicious communication. Should there be threats of any kind to our students, the school will take necessary action to ensure they are kept safe. Our schools work closely with other Medway schools and will communicate together if we feel there is any sort of threat.

Our school values the relationship that there is between home and school and we take all parental concerns seriously and can report that the vast majority are resolved by communicating with the school. We take the safety of your children, our students extremely seriously. If there is something you are concerned about, please do report it to the school so it can be investigated and dealt with, please do not allow your children to use their own methods of restoration, such as through social media.

I ask for you to please ask your children to go straight home at the end of the school day, not to congregate in the local community.



Thank you for your time and consideration of the message in this letter.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Hardie  
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