



Information for Parents and Carers

Frequently Asked Questions

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the events of this week we have received a number of enquiries and emails. We thank you for these and completely understand your concern in these circumstances. Given the volume of communication, we will not be in a position to answer all emails individually however we have attempted to respond to the most common themes emerging in the following 'Frequently Asked Questions'. This is in addition to the parental communication from Wednesday 9 September, included below, and Thursday 10 September.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during what has been a highly charged and understandably concerning situation. The council's Executive Director of Education Resources, Lyndsay McRoberts, and Chief Inspector Paul Doyle from Police Scotland, said:

"We are aware of the malicious communication sent to a high school in East Kilbride and subsequent messages on social media.

"The council has been working closely with Police Scotland who are investigating, and there has also been thorough searches of the area with specialist resources, including an explosives search dog, and nothing of concern was discovered.

"We would like to reassure parents and pupils that schools remain open."

"We would reiterate that making hoax threats is a criminal offence, and police are doing all they can to trace the person responsible."

As outlined in our communication on Monday, the safety and wellbeing of our school community has remained our highest priority throughout, and all appropriate procedures and protocols have been followed at every stage.



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- **When did the school first become aware of the threat?**
 - As per the Police Facebook communication from the evening of Wednesday 9 September, the school were first aware of the threat in the course of Monday 7 September.
- **When were Police Scotland notified?**
 - Police Scotland were notified immediately. Due to the nature of the concern, Police Scotland were the lead agency and directed the school and education in their response. Throughout the week, procedures have been followed and we have liaised closely with our partners in Police Scotland and Education Resources to ensure the safety of our school community.
- **What searches have been carried out and what was the outcome?**
 - Police Scotland attended Calderglen High School and carried out extensive searches, including searches with dogs specially trained to detect explosives on Monday 7th September. Nothing of concern was discovered and police gave the all clear.
 - Very quickly, Police Scotland confirmed that this was malicious and that there was no credible threat.
 - A thorough response was again actioned on Tuesday 10th September, again giving the all clear. Our Campus PC was present throughout Tuesday and Wednesday.
- **What was the direction from Police Scotland?**
 - Calderglen High School should operate as normal as the police investigation continues.
- **Is there currently any identified or ongoing threat to Calderglen?**
 - Police Scotland have stated that nothing of concern was discovered during extensive searches. As per police Facebook communication a suspect has been identified and charged.
- **Has a risk assessment been carried out? What additional security measures are in place?**
 - In line with South Lanarkshire Council's policies and procedures, all guidance was and continues to be adhered to. As stated by Police Scotland, there was an increased presence in the area. Our staff remain committed and vigilant to the safety of our young people and school community. Our school campus police offer remains a key support for the safety of our school community.
- **Why were parents not informed sooner?**
 - In these circumstances, the school takes direction regarding communication with parents, pupils and staff directly from the appropriate authorities, i.e. Police Scotland and the local authority. Communication was issued in line with the guidance offered by these authorities as per protocol and to ensure we did not hinder the police investigation.
- **My child did not attend school on Wednesday 9th September, will this affect their attendance rate?**
 - We are liaising with South Lanarkshire Council regarding attendance.

House Teams are available through normal channels should you have any ongoing concerns to support your child.