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Dear Head Teacher

**Manchester Concert Attack and the national #WeStandTogether Campaign**

We all recognise the enormous impact of the Manchester concert attack on our communities, especially as it was targeted against families and children. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families and all those affected by this cruel attack.

Attacks like these are aimed to frighten communities and to create hate and division. We, as a nation, will always remain defiant as **#WeStandTogether** with strength and determination against all those who wish to harm us.

As we approach the Bank Holiday weekend with the half term school break I wanted to reach out to our young people across the country to help reassure them and to make them feel safe and confident as they enjoy the school break.

I would be very grateful if you are able to convey the following messages during your school assemblies;

- That all forms of extremism and hatred is wrong
- No faith or religion believes in violence or hurt
- Look out for anything suspicious and report it to an adult or to the police
- Use your powerful voice as a generation of young people to support the **#WeStandTogether** campaign

The voices of our young people across the country will be extremely powerful in showing how we as a nation remain defiant against all forms of terrorism, extremism and hatred.

The national security threat assessment has been increased to CRITICAL for the time being which will see additional uniformed presence in high profile and busy locations as well as within local neighbourhoods. We will be visible throughout half term and looking to engage with all sections of communities including young people and would urge everyone to approach police officers and staff on duty and talk us. I am sure this will help reassure people further and make them feel safe and confident.

Our strength as a nation comes from our relationships and it is really important that people report anything that worries them or feel is suspicious to police officers on duty or phone 101 or the confidential Anti-Terrorism Hotline on 0800 789 321 to speak to trained staff in confidence.

May I thank you for help and support wish you a good half term break.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mausing' or 'Mausingy', with a small dash below the final letter.

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