



Dear Partners,

I'd like to start with a sincere thank you for your support this week.

Following the incidents of disorder last Friday at Edmonton Green we would like to reassure you that we have been proactive in reviewing the intelligence to inform our policing plan moving forwards.

Maintaining public order is key policing responsibility and one that requires us to ensure a proportionate response is delivered whilst also recognising the need to build trust and confidence within communities, this includes young people who we are determined to divert away from criminality, relying on enforcement action only where absolutely necessary.

Last Friday the incident in Edmonton Green saw approximately 200 pupils that in the main were bystanders and not offenders; this is an important message to send out to our young people that we do not deem were in attendance as being responsible for the incident, however, in the important interests of safeguarding they do need to be aware that hanging around during such incidents is not advisable as they could risk becoming a victim themselves.

We have been working closely with our partners in Enfield Council and cross border Haringey partners, as well engaging with our local wards to provide updates and reassurance. We have also linked in with county forces Essex and Herts to provide updates to ensure cross border matters are picked up as some do commute in to Enfield schools.

We have partnered with Youth services and Charities to provide a visible response, standing up youth workers and police officers working in collaboration to build relationships with young people to provide a safe space and diverting young people into youth services provided in Enfield Council and elsewhere.

We are reviewing our plans to ensure our approach is necessary and proportionate and a key element of this is enforcement where appropriate, to send a clear message that such behaviour will not be tolerated; to this end we have stood up an investigation team to focus on reviewing CCTV, Body Worn video footage together with intelligence updates to make arrests. So far we have made 5 arrests both in schools and outside the footprint of the schools, all of which have involved close liaison with schools staff to minimise the impact or disruption to other students.

Once a young person has been arrested there is a range of possible outcomes, with the immediate focus being on what we can do to encourage diversion away from crime and reduce repeat offending, where appropriate this will include alternatives to more traditional outcomes such as charges or cautions.

We are working in partnership providing a gateway for the investigation team via our Safer Schools team prior to going into schools, to ensure we are working with our trusted partners whilst adopting a joint approach, discussing what is the best course of action for pupils whilst in school, which often is a safe space for young people.

Our Safer Schools team are working closely with ward officers, our Tasking Team and Proactive units, and also policing partners at BTP and Safer Transport to provide a visible presence in the community, including in around schools and transport hubs.

A single point of contact has been stood up in the Safer Schools team for schools to feed intelligence for us to act quickly to safeguard young people and where necessary disrupt emerging threats and intervene where violent may be likely to take place.

A new Dispersal Zone has been authorised for the areas shown on the attached map. This authority provides officers with powers to disperse persons where their presence is likely to lead to ASB, crime or disorder.



This is not a blanket power and every use for each individual must be fully justified. Failure to comply with a direction to disperse is a criminal offence and could leave an officer with no other option than to make an arrest.

I welcome your support in sharing this message with your contacts, communities and also to parents via your platforms to ensure the message reaches everyone.

We remain committed to our wider partnership and working together to ensure that our young people can feel safe and be safe.

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