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Dear Families

We have been informed of a protest outside school on Thursday 21st March beside the main entrance gates around 8.30 -10.30am. This action is based on misleading and false information re the Academy process and has been posted on social media, against school policy. We have informed the police, the Department of Education and are having to seek legal advice.

A political protest outside school publicised on line, raises serious safeguarding concerns for Walker pupils e.g possibility of traffic accidents, stranger danger. Children could be distracted, frightened and extremely upset or confused as they enter school. It is very unfair for SEND families who have only one access route to school. There are school trips planned that day, with 3 coaches parked alongside school.

Please do not support this. We kindly request that the organisers call this protest off for safety reasons. Meanwhile, if the protest goes ahead, we urge families to work out the safest route and times to come to school.

Thursday 21st March: Protestors with any banner /publicity materials will not be allowed on site

School will be open as normal, as we don't want your child to miss out on their right to a first class education. Please bring your children to school in the safest way possible.

All school trips that day will continue (Reception, Forest school and Y5L Swimming).

To help you, please consider one of the options below

- Families enter the school at the normal time, 8.55am through the small pedestrian gate by the Walker car park. A member of staff will supervise the playground as normal. This will avoid entering near the protest area.

Or

- Arrive at school from 8.15am, we will open the gates early. Enter straight into the rear playground where extra staff will supervise children. Families can then exit the school quickly at a route of your choice.

We apologise for this very dangerous behaviour and urge any parents thinking of joining the protest to rethink their plans, so we can run a normal, safe school day.

Yours sincerely
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