

Dear families

West Yorkshire Police have asked us to share their statement with all families.

We are aware of further social media messages that have been circulating around the community in West Yorkshire since last week of a small group of youths making threats towards another group and alleging assaults are occurring in schools across the area.

We can confirm that none of the alleged assaults at any schools have taken place, and we firmly believe this to be false and hoax messaging.

It appears the same videos are being shared and screenshotted multiple times to further fuel these rumours.

West Yorkshire Police are working with local authorities and are actively encouraging people not to speculate or put unnecessary fear into the community and would ask people do not share these types of hoax videos online.

We are working with our partners and the local neighbourhood policing teams to provide reassurance in the community.

We would strongly encourage parents to talk to their children about these false videos and would appeal to people to ignore them and not share them.

West Yorkshire Police are investigating and if any offences are disclosed, we will take positive action.

Anyone who has information about these videos is asked to contact police via 101 or using the live chat facility at www.westyorkshire.police.uk/livechat quoting log 13240123627

Information can be provided anonymously to Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

