

**St. Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls  
and Sixth Form (co-ed)**

11-19 Church of England Academy Founded 1699



Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Families

I am sure that like us, you have become aware of the “clown” craze that is sweeping across the country, having allegedly started in the United States. Police have dealt with rumours circulating on social media that are related to “clowns” making vague threats to students and/or school communities.

You would have also seen on the news yesterday the feature about an arrest of a 19 year old after reports of him being dressed as a clown scaring people at the campus of a London University.

Some of our girls have reported to us that there was information circulating on social media about a “clown invasion” coming to St Martin’s. This has not happened. I want to assure families that there are staff at the school gate during the morning and evening and we are being vigilant. We have not had any sightings of clowns in the area surrounding the school.

Please ensure that your child does not like, follow or share anything on social media connected to clowns and immediately reports anything to you, or to an adult at school.

Lambeth Local Authority have been in touch with all schools and they too are being very vigilant. They informed us by email today that “Police are aware of the issue and are upping their presence at secondary schools”.

I will be asking staff to talk to students about this current spate of irresponsible behaviour that is causing distress to children, young people and even adults up and down the country.

Please contact the school should you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beverley Stanislaus', written in a cursive style.

Beverley Stanislaus  
Headteacher