

To: All Schools, Colleges and Early Years settings

Date: 03 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to provide an update following the recent incidents of civil unrest in Southampton and to offer reassurance to our school communities.

Southampton City Council is working closely with Hampshire Constabulary and partner agencies to monitor the situation. We want to reassure you that the city is currently calm and settled following the events of 2 June 2026, and the safety of our communities remains our priority.

We are clear that disorder, violence and vandalism are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. At the same time, we recognise the right of individuals to protest and express their views lawfully and peacefully.

We are deeply saddened by the death of Henry Nowak, and our thoughts are with his family and all those affected. The Council and its partners are working together to understand the circumstances and to support communities at this difficult time.

There are also two significant events taking place this week: the Eid celebration in Hoglands Park on 6 June and the Southampton Patriots' D-Day commemorations. Both are important community events, and appropriate safety measures will be in place to ensure they can proceed safely, peacefully and with respect.

We recognise that recent events may cause concern for children, young people and families. Schools will continue to provide safe, supportive environments and will respond sensitively to any questions or concerns pupils may have.

We will continue to provide updates where necessary. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact your school in the usual way so that support can be offered.

Thank you for your continued support.

Southampton City Council