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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Cleveland Police - Reporting hate crime**

I am the lead for neighbourhood policing and partnerships within Cleveland Police. We have sadly woken up yet again to hear news of a further horrific terrorist incident, which appears to be a deliberate attack on innocent people as they left Finsbury Park Mosque after prayers.

The attack is being actively investigated by the Counter Terrorist Command of the Metropolitan Police.

As with previous attacks, this latest incident shows that terrorism affects members of all communities. Terrorists want to create discord, distrust and to create fear. The police stand together with all communities in the UK and we will take action against any criminal behaviour which seeks to undermine society, especially where crimes are motivated by hate.

We offer our condolences to all those who have been affected by the attack. There will be people across Cleveland who are concerned about the events this morning. Our officers will be providing visible reassurance patrols and we will be engaging with communities to provide information and support.

Please be assured we will take robust action against any criminal behaviour, especially where crimes are motivated by hate. If you experience any type of harassment or crime that you think may be racially motivated, we would urge you to let us know. Our officers will listen to your concerns and you will be supported. We will do all we can to investigate and resolve the matter. We can only do this though if you talk to us.

You can report crime by calling Cleveland Police on 101. In an emergency dial 999. If you prefer not to contact the police directly you can ask a councillor or community representative to raise a matter on your behalf. You can also report hate crime through True Vision via their website [www.report-it.org.uk](http://www.report-it.org.uk)

If you have any concerns relating to this or another policing matter contact:

- 101 and ask for your Neighbourhood Policing Team
- Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111
- 999 in case of emergency
- Communities stop terrorism. If you suspect something, no matter how small, report it. The confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline number is 0800 789 321.

We would ask you to be aware of your own personal security, building security and any suspicious packages.

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Acts of terrorism and hate crimes are committed by a small minority of people and are not representative of the public. This is a time for us all to work closely together and unite against those who seek, through violence and extremism, to intimidate or cause fear.

I am confident by working together we can ensure the Cleveland area remains a safe and tolerant place to live.

Yours sincerely

Chief Superintendent Alastair Simpson  
Head of Neighbourhood Policing and Partnerships