



# Shavington Primary School

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Dear Parents

I am sending this letter in direct response to an e-mail I have received this morning from PC Liz Stanton who has contacted all school with regards to a new current phenomenon which is causing a great deal of distress.

You may or may not be aware of the current phenomenon of people dressing up as clowns and scaring people. Recent media coverage has highlighted this in Newcastle in particular, but there have been a very small number of reports now in Cheshire.

PC Liz Stanton has placed the following message:

*"We are aware of the current trend in America of people dressing up as clowns, which has reached the UK and received some publicity in the media.*

*We have a received a very small number of reports relating to this phenomenon, here in Cheshire, and we're also aware of rumours that are circulating on social media.*

*While we appreciate Hallowe'en is just a short time away, scaring people – especially children and vulnerable people – in this way is completely unacceptable and could constitute an offence.*

*Anyone who sees any suspicious activity, or who have been intimidated or upset but his behaviour, should call Cheshire police immediately on 101."*

I am also sending this message out to parents to monitor their children's reactions to this as I am aware of children who have been talking about this in school and in one case accessing video links via you tube at home.

I urge all parents to ensure they monitor their children's use of social media to ensure they are not accessing unsuitable material. The results of which can be incredibly distressing. I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs R Nicholls  
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