

NaCTSO Guidance Note 1/2016

Advice to leaders of schools and other Educational Establishments for Reviewing Protective Security

Following a series of malicious hoax communications to schools across the UK it is important that you are alert, but not alarmed. This is an opportunity for you to review your security plans to confirm that the arrangements you should already have in place are still current and have been tested to ensure staff and students are prepared and confident.

Consider what steps you could take to:-

- a) reassure your staff, students and parents
- b) review and implement proportionate protect and prepare security planning.

Bomb threats: Procedures for handling bomb threats. Most bomb threats are made over the phone and the overwhelming majority are hoaxes, made with the intent of causing alarm and disruption. Any hoax is a crime and, no matter how ridiculous or unconvincing, must be reported to the police.

Dial 999 and police will respond. You should always consider their advice before a decision is taken to close or evacuate.

Guidance on receipt of a bomb threat

<http://www.cpni.gov.uk/security-planning/business-continuity-plan/bomb-threats/>

Bomb threat checklist

<http://www.cpni.gov.uk/documents/posters%20and%20checklists/bomb-threat-checklist.pdf?epslanguage=en-gb>

If this prompts you to review your emergency planning, please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/emergencies-and-severe-weather-schools-and-early-years-settings>

There is no change to the UK terrorist threat level, which remains at **SEVERE**; meaning an attack is highly likely.

Protect yourself your staff your business and your community.