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We are saddened and angered to hear of the ugly antisemitic vandalism that appeared on our local playground. The swastika is a symbol of hate and violence and has no place in the global community and we are outraged that it has emerged here, in our community, and on a playground. The symbols of antisemitism are threatening and painful. We condemn this action.

Immediately upon notification of the incident, the Glen Ridge Police Department launched an investigation and is working with the Essex County Prosecutors Office to investigate this as a bias incident. At this time, we do not have any further information to share. We urge anyone with information about this to call the Glen Ridge Police Department, Detective Sergeant Manley at 973-748-5400 x115.

This act of vandalism demonstrates that we must remain unified in our response to these very real acts of hate – they must be called out, condemned, and stopped. No individual or group should be subjected to hate crimes or harassment or fear.

As Mayor and Council we stand together to reject hate-filled symbols and actions. We do not tolerate antisemitism, racism, harassment, or violence, in any form, directed towards any members of the community.

Mayor and Council of the Borough