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Dear Parent/ Carers

Over recent weeks Northumbria Police and the Community Protection Team have witnessed an increase in anti-social behaviour involving young people within our public spaces and Metro stations throughout North Tyneside. In some cases, concerns have been raised that some of these young people are consuming alcohol, vaping and/or allegations of drug use.

It is possible that some of the pupils from your school may well be involved, or on the fringes of being involved, outside of school in the risky and/or anti-social behaviours described above.

Where Police and Community Protection Team have been able to identify any individuals involved, we are speaking to those parents/carers and issuing Legal Action Notice warnings if their child continues to engage in antisocial behaviour.

Police and Community Protection Team have a policy and procedure to tackle anti-social behaviour and the steps that a young person can progress through if they are found to be engaging in anti-social activity throughout North Tyneside.

We absolutely do not want to see any young person finding themselves with an anti-social behaviour order and/or with a police record. The impact for a young person's future, if this is to be the case, can be significant.

We are therefore asking that you speak to your child and have an honest and open conversation with them about who they are with and how they are spending their time when out and about with friends. If, after speaking to your child, there is any information you feel would be appropriate to share with us, then please contact us.

Although the concerns that we are sharing relate to behaviour outside of school, we believe that there is a shared responsibility to work together with the Parents/ Carers, local schools, Police and Community Protection Team to keep all children safe and out of any antisocial or criminal activity.

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