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Dear Parents/Carers

My Leadership team is going above and beyond by policing the local community but we cannot do it alone: we need your support in keeping your children safe.

Every evening, we go on duty to protect our pupils from potentially dangerous people who hang around in the community. Several of these individuals are under investigation by the police for a range of very serious crimes, including physical assault (with and without weapons, including knives), taking of illicit substances and a range of public order offences.

Unfortunately, the police do not themselves have the capacity to protect our pupils every evening, hence our presence in the community after school and we report any abuse we face to the police after the fact. Already this week, my Leadership team have been verbally abused in front of our own pupils.

As you can appreciate, this is a very difficult job to do and it is made much more challenging when our own pupils do not go straight home. Instead, some pupils put themselves in harm's way by being in close proximity to these potentially dangerous characters. We are insisting that any Barr Beacon pupil we find hanging around in the community returns home immediately and we urge you to reinforce this message with your child:

Do not hang around in the community - come straight home.

We are working with the NISA local convenience store and other local shops to get our pupils home as quickly as possible. We also need your help.

I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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