



Barr Beacon School
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Dear Parents/Carers

Pupil Conduct

I write to share my concerns about a number of incidents that have occurred in the community recently. I am keen to draw your attention to the matters and I appreciate that not every child is involved in these events. However, I urge you to discuss the details of this letter with your child and encourage them to continue to uphold the Beacon Values and remember that we are a Telling School.

Unfortunately, we have some pupils who are not going directly home from school. Instead they are choosing to congregate in large groups creating the perception in the community of them as causing anti-social behaviour. This is not acceptable. If pupils are not involved in extra-curricular clubs, catch ups or detentions, they should go directly home after leaving the school site. While pupils are wearing their school uniform, they represent our school and we expect that they are not loitering in the community but that they are at home safe.

We have been made aware by the police that there are youths from outside of our immediate local community who are hanging around seeking to engage with some of our pupils. We do not want our pupils to associate with these youths. If pupils go directly home, they reduce the potential risk of encountering these youths.

When pupils are in large groups, however innocent their intentions, they can be perceived as intimidating and to be causing problems. This behaviour has been noted of some of our pupils by the local community, by local business owners and our primary schools. Fortunately, this is the behaviour of the few, but I would urge you to help us to keep your children safe by getting them home as soon as is possible after school so that they are not loitering on corners or outside the local shops.

Road Safety

As you are aware, the Beacon Road is very busy and so it is especially important that when leaving the school site, pupils use the pelican crossing which is manned by Leadership. We have received reports of pupils running out into the traffic which puts them and others in danger.

Social Media

My staff are having to spend time investigating reports of mis-use of social media which is taking them away from working with pupils. We have been made aware of a number of accounts on Tik-Tok that are following the recent trend of 'Guess the Name'. These have been posted on fake accounts using the Barr Beacon name and emblem focusing on staff and pupils. **This is online bullying.** If you become aware of any mis-use, you can report it directly to Tik-Tok who will take the posts down within 72 hours if the posts contravene their rules of use. Alternatively, you can use the CEOP button on our website to report any misuse of the social media.



We are a Telling School

Finally, can I remind you of one of the key principles of our school is that we are a Telling School. This is something that you will have heard at your child's induction evening right back at the start of Year 7. This key value is important in keeping pupils safe in school. We remind pupils regularly that if they know something that puts them or others at risk, they must share it so that we can act on it. I know that you will have guided your child to be honest and open at home. I ask that you continue to remind them of the importance of this and that they report any issues to a member of staff in school.

We will continue to remind pupils of our expectations in a series of assemblies. We will celebrate pupils who follow the rules of our school and we will sanction those that do not.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep your children safe when they are in school and when making their way home from school.

Yours sincerely



Ms L Draycott
Headteacher

