

Our Ref: KH/PPH/Behaviour in the Community
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Behaviour in the Community

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to emphasise the importance of ensuring that pupils proceed directly home after school and do not loiter around local establishments such as the Nisa convenience store, the Cat and Fiddle pub, and the RFC Grill shop.

Our primary concern at Barr Beacon School is the safety and well-being of our pupils. The Department for Education (DfE) provides clear guidance on safeguarding children, which we are committed to upholding. Schools must take measures to ensure pupils are safe not only within the school premises but also in the surrounding areas and on their way home. This is essential to protect children from potential harm and negative influences that can arise from unsupervised gatherings in public places.

It has come to our attention that some pupils have been congregating at the aforementioned locations after school hours. These areas are not appropriate for unsupervised pupils and can expose them to various risks, including peer pressure, unhealthy temptations, and encounters with strangers. Additionally, the presence of pupils in these areas has occasionally led to complaints from residents and business owners, which could impact the school's relationship with the community.

To address these concerns, we are asking for your support in reinforcing the importance of pupils going straight home after school. Please discuss with your child the reasons behind this request and encourage them to avoid lingering in the vicinity of these establishments. By working together, we can help ensure that our pupils remain safe and focused on their educational and personal development.

We will be monitoring this situation closely and will continue to reinforce this message throughout the academic year in both assemblies and form time. We collaborate with our Schools Intervention and Prevention Officer (SIPO) through West Midlands Police who work with children and families in the local community with regard to anti-social behaviour.

Should you have any concerns or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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