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Wednesday 11th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Antisocial Behaviour on the Baysgarth School Site

I am very proud that our site is open for the use of our community in the evenings and at weekends for over 340 days every year. We have invested heavily in superb facilities that are used by football clubs, dance groups, netball clubs, the athletics club and the cricket club to name but a few.

However, over the last four weekends we have seen a significant rise in the number of students attending our site after hours and engaging in antisocial behaviour. This particularly seems to happen on a Friday evening. Over the past month we have seen the skate park vandalised, alcohol brought onto the site and consumed, staff and facilities users intimidated, and attempts made to break into the main school to cause criminal damage.

Police enquiries are ongoing and charges will be pressed for anyone trespassing and causing criminal damage. Unfortunately, the behaviour of a tiny minority is impacting upon all the users of our site, both during the day and in the evenings. The majority of children who come onto the site on an evening are not badly behaved, but they should not be there. The site is only open for skate park users and those who are paying to use the facilities - anyone else on site is trespassing.

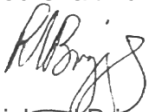
We want to make sure that everyone who uses our site is safe and we need your support to ensure that this is the case. Please can you speak to your child(ren) and emphasise the following points to them:

- The school site is not open in the evening to students. Only paying clients and those directly using the skate park are allowed on site. Anyone else on site is trespassing and therefore breaking the law. Please make sure your child(ren) are not heading to the school site on an evening if they have no business being there.
- CCTV will be used to identify those who are on site and trespassing. Names will be passed on to the police. We are working hard with the police and PCSOs to identify and prosecute those individuals who have caused damage to the school site and regular police and PSCO presence on site will now be ongoing.
- The school site is not safe in the evenings. Only estates and cleaning staff are on site and we do not supervise any spaces. Whilst we can ensure that during school opening hours, everybody who comes into contact with children has been vetted and is safe to work with them, we cannot ensure this at other times.

As part of our strategies to help reduce these incidents, the Premier League Kicks football session on Friday will be cancelled until further notice and the site will close at 6.30pm on Friday this week.

Thank you for your support in this matter. Our school has the best facilities in the local area for our community and we want to make sure that they can stay open to support our community and that they are maintained, undamaged and to the highest standard for the enjoyment of our users.

Yours faithfully



Richard Briggs
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