

8th November 2021

Dear families,

Re: Concerns about conduct within the Newport community

Many of you will have noticed recently that there has been a spate of anti-social and criminal behaviour within the Newport area over the past few months. This is clearly not something that the town of Newport should have to put up with or accept as common practice.

As a school, we are working very closely with the police, social services and the Local Authority to help them to co-ordinate their approach towards catching the culprits and removing this concern from the community. In our collective approach we are also asking the public to remain vigilant and report any criminal activity to the police.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that whilst there are concerns around the involvement of several Newport young adults, there is also a group of youths coming into Newport during the day and evenings from other areas of Telford. On Friday, the police arrested and interviewed several young adults in connection to criminal behaviour in the town, all of which were from other areas of the authority.

Within school we constantly remind students how we expect them to conduct themselves within the community. They are all told that they should follow the school rules from the minute they leave their door in the morning to the minute they walk back through it after school. Any student not conducting themselves appropriately during this time will be sanctioned accordingly. We hold a very dim view of persistent perpetrators, and any patterns of poor conduct on the way too and from school could ultimately draw into question a student's place at Burton Borough School. In an evening and during weekends/holidays we are not responsible for the behaviour of our students. However, where students do get themselves involved in concerns, then we will always work with the authorities to ensure that these incidents do not go unpunished by the law.

We share the community's frustration over this spate of incidents, and we will continue to do everything we can to support the authorities to eradicate this sort of behaviour from the town.

Yours sincerely,



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Acting Principal



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