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Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter better weather and particularly during holiday periods, this local area experiences an increase in anti-social behaviour and low-level criminality, particularly around our parks and coastal/beach areas, also often involving young people.

Our dedicated schools' officers have been conducting activity and education sessions with the school communities in recent weeks to support key messages around safety.

Your local Police team in partnership with the local authority and others, have a number of initiatives in place to robustly deal with anti-social behaviour. This kind of conduct has caused a lot of concern for and in the local community of late.

Merseyside Police utilise "Operation Openspace" during the summer months

This involves:

- Extra resources being identified to police the coastal areas of New Brighton and West Kirby. Local officers will utilise a fair and friendly approach but will also take firm action against persons acting in any anti-social manner.

Also in operation are Local Authority Public Space Protection Orders. P.S.P.O

These prohibit other forms of anti - social behaviour, such as restrictions on:

- Consuming alcohol, drug taking and possession of "legal highs" at any time
- Prevention of litter and waste disposal in an inappropriate way at any time.
- 4 or more person congregating between the hours of 10:30 pm and 04:00 am within a designated area and acting anti-socially.

We have asked schools to share these messages with their students and parents/carers. We know that the vast majority will always consider others, but some, maybe without fully realising consequences, behave in a way that is anti-social and intimidates or concerns the wider community. We want everyone to enjoy the forth coming months and by coming together and having an appreciation for others I am hopeful we can achieve that.

Thank you for your assistance

Kind regards

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