

Our Ref: Safeguarding/PDE/LFo

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Young Persons in Town Centre

We have received communication from Northamptonshire Police, requesting that we share the below information with all parents/guardians.

Recently we have had a spate of people entering the Emporium Way in the Town where they are causing some serious Anti-Social Behaviour. Some of the problems that are being experienced are as follows.

Arson - Group of teens seen on Emporium Way setting a fire in an underpass. After examining the scene after we could see that there were aerosol cans within the debris.

Gaining entry into derelict buildings - The buildings that have been accessed are extremely dangerous. The structure inside is not safe and it is feared that one of them may fall through the floors which are very high. This will cause some serious injury or a fatality. In the buildings they are also exposed to Asbestos, Pigeon Faeces, Black Mould and Dry Rot. All of which can have a detrimental effect on health and can be fatal later in life.

Gaining entry to the roofs of the Buildings - These roofs are approximately 80ft high. Some of the roofs are slippery and the integrity has been compromised. If anyone was to fall it would certainly be fatal. There has been incidents where missiles are being thrown down to the street level creating a risk to persons walking along the paths.

Criminal Damage - Hoarding that is erected to protect outer buildings are being kicked in and entry being gained.

By entering Emporium Way the persons are in breach of a Public Spaces Protection Order that is in place for Northampton and can lead to prosecution.

Police, Fire Service and West Northants Council are working together to solve this issue along with other partner agencies by securing the area as best that it can.

There is CCTV in the area and when we can identify persons we are taking action to prevent it from happening again with Parents being contacted and ASB legislation being used. Ultimately this can lead to a Criminal Behaviour Order or an injunction which carries the power to arrest. However we are more concerned about the safety of the persons and are hoping to get it stopped before this.

We are also working with the West Northamptonshire Council CCTV Control Room and do get the footage of these incidents. When we identify a School Uniform we will be making contact with [the school] to possibly get an identification on the youths.

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This information is being circulated amongst schools in assemblies etc., to get the word out there in an attempt to stop children going into these dangerous areas. Some of the peak times seem to be when school finishes and they are catching their busses home, Evenings, Weekends and Holidays.

Should you have any concerns regarding the above please don't hesitate to contact a member of the safeguarding team

Yours faithfully,



Mr P Dewes
Vice Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead

