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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Community Issues

I write in order to bring to your attention recent events in our community that are a cause of grave concern. Our responsibility to safeguard our students is at the forefront of our practice. Any actions that jeopardise the safety of students on site or off site are dealt with appropriately and effectively and with a severity of sanction befitting to the misdemeanour. Students adhere to a strict code of behaviour and discipline as outlined in our Behaviour and Discipline Policy.

https://www.dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/site_content/unsecure/policies/parents/Behaviour%20%26%20Discipline%20Policy%20%26%20Procedures.pdf

It is with regret that I write to inform you of recent anti-social behaviour offsite in our local community, including unsafe driving, abusive language and aggressive behaviour. On two separate occasions our students have been physically assaulted whilst off the school site. In both instances the attacks were unprovoked, in broad daylight, and occurred in front of many witnesses. The assaults left the students needing a visit to hospital and caused anxiety and distress for the students, their families their friends and school staff. Such instances are extremely rare, however when they do occur there needs to be a strong response from all parties in support of one another.

It is vital that we stand as a community and work with our local Police force and supporting agencies, as we are doing as a school with recent events. We as a community are so much stronger than these individuals who seem intent on using aggression and fear as currency. We teach our students to be 'Upstanders' and that there is no such thing as 'an innocent bystander'. As a school, we encourage all parents, carers and students to be part of the upstanding culture and work as one to respond positively and effectively to any community issues that may arise.

We realise that sometimes students are reticent to report events and we would encourage you to support them to 'do the right thing'. We would also remind you of the facility to report anonymously on our website. <https://swgflwhisper.org.uk/report/DRO3>



Our motto is 'Success with Care' and we need to work together to protect our wonderful community.

Yours sincerely

Mr M J Cooper
Headteacher

