

Our ref: RP/KS/Behaviour

Date: 15th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Pupil Conduct

I write to share my concerns about a small number of isolated incidents that have occurred in the community recently. I am keen to draw your attention to the matters and I appreciate that not every child is involved in these events. However, I urge you to discuss the details of this letter with your child and encourage them to continue to uphold the Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School values and remember that we are a 'telling school'.

Unfortunately, we have some pupils who are not going directly home from school. Instead they are choosing to congregate in groups creating the perception in the community of them as causing anti-social behaviour. If pupils are not involved in extra-curricular clubs, catch ups or detentions, they should go directly home after leaving the school site. While pupils are wearing the Dame Elizabeth Cadbury school uniform, they represent our school and we expect that they are not loitering in the community but that they are at home safe.

When pupils are in large groups, however innocent their intentions, they can be perceived as intimidating and to be causing problems. This behaviour has been noted of some of our pupils by the local community. We have also had a small number of incidents involving pupils walking across local residents' lawns. Fortunately, this is the behaviour of the few, but I would urge you to help us to keep your children safe by getting them home as soon as is possible after school so that they are not hanging around corners or outside the local shops.

Social Media

My staff are having to spend time investigating reports of mis-use of social media which is taking them away from working with pupils. A lot of issues are arising through platforms such as "snap chat" and "Whatsapp" where groups are made and inappropriate conversations are taking place. These are happening out of school hours but impact on the calm environment within school, on investigation we are finding these chats are often happening late at night/evening. We encourage you to monitor your Childs use of their phone and also social media, I must point out however, staff cannot police the use of social media as it distracts from supporting pupils in school.

We are a 'telling school'

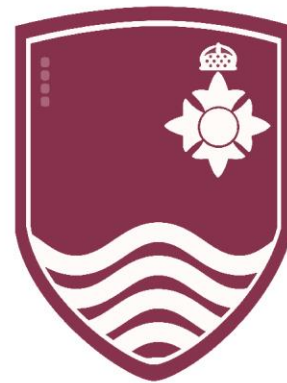
One of the key principles of our school is that we are a 'telling school'. This is something that you will have heard at your child's Induction Evening right back at the start of Year 7. This key value is important in keeping pupils safe in school. We remind pupils regularly that if they know something that puts them or others at risk, they must share it so that we can act on it. I know that you will have guided your child to be honest and open at home. I ask that you continue to remind them of the importance of this and that they report any issues to a member of staff in school.

We will continue to remind pupils of our expectations through assemblies. We will celebrate pupils who follow the rules of our school and we will sanction those that do not. Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep your children safe when they are in school and when making their way home from school.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr R Prime
Headteacher



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