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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the School academic year comes to an end, I wanted to contact you to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer holidays. With a focus on the 'safe' part, I want to share some information with you that may assist you, whilst also asking you to assist us.

ASB:

As the school term ends it is understandable that the children are excited, but we don't want this enthusiasm to spill out into causing problems for others. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is a term that covers several actions/behaviours that include crimes, that impact negatively upon individuals and communities. In recent months Solihull Police have had to impose disposal orders in locations such as Solihull and Chelmsley Wood Town Centres. This centred around children and disorderly behaviour.

Please speak to your children about their plans over the summer, including after the 'final day of school'. There is always the risk when large numbers of children congregate without organised activity or supervision that things can escalate, this can be ASB or in extreme cases serious youth violence. There will be high visibility police patrols of the areas, but prevention is better than response. In Chelmsley Wood a Public Place Protection Order remains in place (details below).

It isn't only public spaces that are of concern. Abandoned/disused buildings pose risks, both from a physical safety aspect, and being used for potential exploitation (including drug/alcohol use). We actively seek to identify such locations, if anyone has information they can share via below links.

Be intrusive, ask who are they with, and where are they going? Consider the use of tracking apps and arranged times to 'check-in'.

Online safety:

As with physical spaces the online world can also carry risk. I know there is frequent information shared about this, but I just want to remind parents that it is their responsibility to know what their child is accessing and who they are communicating with. Devices given to children (mobile phones, tablets, games consoles) should still be governed by parents. Ensure you know their passcodes/passwords, what apps and social media children access. Children can delete data or try to hide apps, so search by name rather than solely relying upon an app icon. Ensure security settings and in particular locations settings are checked.

Open water safety:

The current weather may be lovely, the lack of air conditioning not! During such hot weather it is tempting for children (and adults) to consider swimming in open water sources such as lakes, reservoirs, rivers, and those escaping the midlands to beach destinations. Be mindful that the water temperature can be significantly lower, people suffer with cold water shock, get surprised by strong currents, struggle with the depth, or overestimate their swimming capabilities.

This letter isn't intended to scare, and for the vast majority of children this summer will be one of fun and pass without incident. I aim only to share information to prevent them from being harmed or harming others. And to remind you that there is always help available should it be needed.

LINKS

It is difficult being a parent/carer, there is no shame if you find yourself needing some help, and if that is the case see some of the links below that I hope can help:

Safety advice:

For advice on safety online please see [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Cyber Choices programme [Prevent - WM Cyber](#)

Open Water Safety [Open Water Safety Tips](#)

Exploitation [County lines and protecting children from exploitation | NSPCC](#)

Smartphone free childhood [Solihull IRL](#)

Support/Activities:

Parenting support [Parenting support \(solihull.gov.uk\)](#)

Family hubs [Family Hubs \(solihull.gov.uk\)](#)

Activities [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

The waiting room [the-waitingroom.org](#)

Local activities [My Solihull Map | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

YOSolihull [Young Opportunities Solihull](#)

Attractions near to Solihull [20 Best Tourist Attractions In Solihull Near Me | Attractions in West Midlands | Day Out With The Kids](#)

Intelligence/reporting a crime:

[Chelmsley Wood Public Space Protection Order | Antisocial behaviour | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

If you have information on crime in your area you wish to report anonymously, please see <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

If you need to report an emergency call 999, to report a crime you can go via [Report a crime | West Midlands Police](#)

Yours sincerely,

Sergeant Bruton

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