



HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

Dear Parents,

The school holidays are nearly upon us and this feels like the appropriate time to send out a gentle reminder in regards to anti-social behaviour.

Please can I ask that you remind your children of the following -

- **About the danger of starting fires.** With the extreme hot weather that we have been having, fires are very likely to spread rapidly with the ground being so dry. Aside from the dangers it is also illegal and could result in being prosecuted for a criminal offence.
- **Not to swim, jump or dive into open water.** There are many hidden hazards in our rivers and lakes, which can cause injury and result in drowning.
- **When socialising with friends in public places, especially during the evenings,** to be aware of disturbing nearby residents around parks and open spaces. Any behaviour that causes harassment, alarm or distress to somebody else is 'Anti-social' behaviour. This can include verbal abuse, harassment, noise, vandalism, graffiti, litter and intimidation.

We want all of the children to be able to enjoy the school holidays safely. There will be Police patrols over the holidays in public areas and details of anyone causing anti-social behaviour will be taken and parents will be informed.

Those who persistently cause anti-social behaviour will be asked to attend a meeting at the Police Station with a Police Officer and the Council Anti-social Behaviour Officer. Where issues continue powers can be used to place restrictive notices and orders on those who cause problems.

We are asking parents to discuss these issues with their children to prevent problems occurring. We thank you for your time and support with this. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us.

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