

Grange Academy

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Anti-social behaviour in our local community

Dear Parent / Carer,

I have received a number of complaints from local residents and businesses regarding the behaviour of some of our young people at morning interval and lunchtimes. The complaints are centred around young people dropping litter on their return from local shops, lack of compliance with wearing a face covering or socially distancing in shops and other more serious forms of anti-social and rowdy behaviour.

This issue, I believe, in the majority of cases, is due to our pupils simply not thinking about their actions and the impact it is having on others and their surroundings rather than 'bad behaviour' as such. Whatever the underlying reason, it is a problem which we must address together.

All pupils will be hearing a consistent message from staff next week in PSE and through our pupil bulletin about behaving responsibly in the local community. We all have a part to play in making this happen and I have asked my staff to highlight this issue with each of their classes over the coming weeks. I am also asking all parents and carers to reinforce this message at home. Please take a moment to talk to your child about being more self-aware about litter and their behaviour whilst out and about in the local community. Only by improving individual self-awareness of the issue with our young people will we affect a change to this problem.

Regarding the wearing of face coverings and the use of hand sanitiser within the school environment I am delighted to report that the vast majority of our pupils are complying with these new health & safety protocols with little complaint.

Young people can receive very unfair criticism in the press and on social media these days when the truth of the matter is that the majority of them are well behaved and are a credit to their families and school. Please help us build that positive image in our community.

As challenging as these times are, it is really is wonderful to have all our young people back in school!

Thank you for your support.

Robert Johnston



Head Teacher