



RISEDALE
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RISEDALE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

SUBJECT: Incident After School Yesterday

I am writing to you to reassure you that the school has taken decisive action to address the incident outside the school gates yesterday afternoon and to ask for your support in helping our young people to make the right choices when they are out in the community.

You may be aware that a small number of pupils were involved in aggression towards one another, whilst others gathered around to watch, which was totally unacceptable. This was after school, after pupils had exited the gates. Staff on duty outside the school and surrounding areas intervened swiftly to stop the aggressive behaviour, and I am thankful for their help in preventing this from escalating further. However, I am appalled by the actions of these few pupils, and there have been some significant consequences for their behaviour. They have not only harmed others but also brought the school into disrepute - parents, staff and children at our neighbouring school (Hipswell Primary) and members of the community saw this.

We have recently done work with our pupils on the importance of respecting physical space and not reacting using physical aggression, and I am pleased to say that this has had a marked positive impact in school. However, we have today made it clear to pupils that inciting fights or aggression in our community after school is treated just as seriously as incidents that occur during the school day on school grounds. We have also been clear that this behaviour will not be tolerated and that pupils doing this may not have a future at our school.

I am asking for your help as parents/carers in supporting this message. We are implementing measures in school to ensure pupils are behaving in a safe and respectful manner towards each other. We need your help in supporting them to behave responsibly and safely outside of school, including on their way home. This means not encouraging/inciting aggression or fighting, respecting others, and reporting issues if they arise to you or a trusted adult in school. Whilst I appreciate the vast majority of our pupils always do the right thing, some are choosing to egg others on, and this is not accepted behaviour at Risedale.

We are increasing staff presence at the end of the day from today and are seeking the support of the local policing team to ensure this does not happen again. We will be monitoring the situation carefully and removing anybody from our school community who is not following these basic expectations.

Today we will have a staggered finish, allowing KS3 pupils to leave slightly before the 3pm bell to allow for quicker dispersal of pupils from site and a calmer exit.

Yours sincerely,

Greenwood

Mrs L Greenwood
Headteacher

