



Dear Parent / Guardian

We have come together as a number of organisations to ask for your help in addressing our shared concerns about the rise in anti-social behaviour, underage drinking and dangerous activities such as organised fights across the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area.

We fully understand that young people are currently experiencing an extremely difficult time due to Covid 19. Missing out on so many key milestones, school and activities is having an impact on their mental health and development, they are feeling weary and miss their friends. However we need to reinforce the importance of being vigilant about knowing where your child is and what they are doing as well as reminding young people of the current regulations and laws around Covid 19. If you have a child who is not at home in the evening please ask yourself 'who are they with?' and 'what are they up to?'. If they are unsupervised they may get into trouble whether intentionally or through association with others.

Our biggest concern is the vulnerability of young people when they have been drinking alcohol as they may become involved in risk taking behaviour or crime which they would not normally take part in. PSNI will continue to patrol hot spot areas and will confiscate alcohol from underage drinkers and people drinking in public in contravention of council byelaws. Anyone found engaging in underage drinking or anti-social behaviour may be prosecuted which will have consequences for their future education, travel and employment.

We are keen to ensure that all young people are aware of the risks associated with anti-social behaviour not just for their personal safety but also their future educational and career prospects. We urge you to talk to your children about the consequences of such actions and if we all work together we are sure we can make a positive difference to the health and well-being of our young people.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Cllr Paul Duffy

Chair

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