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Dear Parents and carers,

We are aware of recent concerns that, over the past few weeks, some young people have reportedly been encouraged or, in some cases, pressured to attend local parks by others they may know but are not necessarily friends with.

To help prevent this behaviour, we ask that if your child requests to go somewhere unusual or to meet people you are unfamiliar with, you take the opportunity to ask questions about the plans such as who they are meeting, where they are going, and how they will get there and ensure they are not attending alone.

Your local Neighbourhood Youth Officer has made schools aware of these concerns so they can remain vigilant. In particular, where a young person presents with unexplained injuries, schools may consider whether there could be a connection to these incidents.

If you believe your child has been targeted in this way, we strongly encourage you to report this to both the police and the school. This helps us build a clearer picture of what is happening and enables appropriate action to be taken against those responsible.

We would also ask that you speak with your child about not recording or sharing footage of fights. Filming or encouraging such incidents can have serious consequences and may lead to police involvement.

Any individual found to be repeatedly involved in such behaviour may be subject to further action, including behavioural orders.

Parks should be safe places for all young people to enjoy, and we are working with partners to ensure they remain so.

Kind regards

Sussex Police.