



HEADTEACHER: Mr K Ford

27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Community Issues in Marlow involving GMS students

At Great Marlow School, we pride ourselves in instilling the correct values into our students so that they can contribute in a positive way within the school and the wider community. The vast majority of students at the school are respectful and we receive many communications from local residents relating to positive and respectful behaviours demonstrated by students.

Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that there have been several negative incidents involving Great Marlow students in the local community. These include:

- reports of students consuming alcohol and other substances
- theft from local businesses
- littering

The particular areas of concern include Riley Park, Seymour Court Recreation Park and Marlow Water Ski Club.

As a school, we take these incidents very seriously, and are addressing our concerns with the students involved. We are in communication with and work very closely with Thames Valley Police and the local PCSO team to increase police presence in the local community. Could I remind you that if your child is wearing school uniform and engages in negative behaviours that may bring the school into disrepute, they could be sanctioned in accordance with the school behavior policy.

In addition, we have also been informed that some students are being approached on Snapchat and TikTok by adults selling products unsuitable for children.

We are asking parents and carers, especially with half-term upon us, to remain vigilant at this time and encourage you to discuss the associated risks of communicating with strangers online at home. Please also take the opportunity to discuss with your child your expectations regarding their behaviour in the local community.

If you have any concerns or information that may be able to support us in dealing with this, we would welcome the opportunity to speak with you further.

Yours faithfully

Neil Maguire
Deputy Headteacher