



## NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Behaviour after school

To ensure the good behaviour and safety of our students on the way home from school, senior members of staff patrol in the local area at the end of every school day. We are always impressed by the manner in which the large majority of Nower Hill students conduct themselves at the end of the day and the pride they take in their role as ambassadors for the school.

Recently however, we have noticed that some older youths have started loitering in the vicinity of the shops in North Harrow, engaging with a small number of Nower Hill students. Having spoken to the police, it appears that these youths are known to them as being frequently engaged in anti-social behaviour and some are also suspected of drug dealing. As a consequence, we have requested a regular police presence in the area at the end of the school day and we are very pleased that the police have supported us by making the area a dispersal zone.

During the times staff are supervising in North Harrow, we rarely witness any problems, although we have received reports that issues arise once staff have left the area. We have reported these incidents to the police and are working with them to resolve any issues involving our students. Parents and carers should be aware that DfE guidance states that 'teachers have power to discipline pupils for misbehaviour which occurs in school and, in some circumstances, outside of school' and that 'the behaviour of pupils outside school can be considered as grounds for exclusion'. We are being very clear with students as to our expectations in this area and reminding them of the Student Support Guidance which refers clearly to the need for good behaviour on the way to and from school and whenever in school uniform.

We appeal to you as parents and carers to help us to ensure your children are adequately safeguarded and are not exposed to potentially harmful individuals on their journey home, by **encouraging your child to go straight home from school every day**. We are unable to supervise students in North Harrow if they choose to stay there beyond 3.30pm. To support you in this endeavour, we will tell all of our students that we expect them not to loiter in North Harrow at all but to pass through it on the way home. If they would like to visit the shops on the way home, they are welcome to do so, but for their own safety, they should then head straight home. Please reiterate to your child that it is neither socially acceptable nor a positive reflection on them or the school if they gather in large groups on the pavement, causing disruption to both local residents and businesses. Please be advised that any student who fails to cooperate with our instructions in this regard will be placed in curfew detention after school, unless their parents or carers commit to collect them at the end of each day. This measure should also hopefully deter the undesirable people who appear to have moved into the area and are a potential risk to the safety and well-being of our children.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the large majority of Nower Hill students who demonstrate exemplary behaviour on the way home from school, and we thank you in advance for your support

Yours faithfully

**Louise Voden**  
Deputy Headteacher  
Student Support

