



**"it is not enough for children to be loved,
they must know that they are loved"**

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Wednesday, 21 October 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Safety in the community

I am writing to remind all parents of our expectations of their children's behaviour in the local community as they travel to and from school.

Firstly, at this time of year, with 5 November approaching, I'd like to issue to reinforce the message that students should, under no circumstances, be in possession of, or use fireworks either in school or on their journey to and from school. Setting off, or throwing fireworks is a criminal offence. Under 18s are forbidden by law from purchasing fireworks. A student found to be in possession of a firework in school or having set off a firework in or out of school is likely to face permanent exclusion from school.

Furthermore, when students from St John Bosco College wear our school uniform and travel to and from the school, they are representing the school. It is vital for the good reputation of the school that they conduct themselves in a manner which brings credit to themselves, their families, and the school. When they fail to do this, they effectively bring the school in to disrepute, actions which can lead to a serious sanction, including a permanent exclusion from school.

The types of behaviour that risk bringing the school in to disrepute include:

- Noisy, thoughtless, boisterous, or violent behaviour in public places, causing nuisance to others
- Rudeness or aggressive behaviour towards members of the local community
- Deliberately causing nuisance, harm, to members of the local community, for example by knocking on doors and running away, dropping litter in people's gardens, behaving poorly on public transport

The overwhelming majority of our students behave responsibly at all times and are a credit to the school community. Sadly, there is a small minority of students who let themselves and the rest of the school community down on occasions. Please be in no doubt that we do not tolerate anti-social behaviour of any kind and students behaving in this way are at risk of losing their school place.

Sadly, I have received a number of complaints from residents of some of the streets neighbouring the school in recent weeks and as a result would like to remind parents and their children of our existing expectations on travelling to and from school:

- In line with the current 'Rule of 6' law in place due to the Covid 19 pandemic, students must not congregate in groups as they make their way to and from school. They should walk in twos and threes only if not alone.



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- Students should walk calmly and quietly through the streets, refraining from shouting, running and any physical contact with each other.
- Students should not enter any property where they do not live or have business to be.

Furthermore, given the impact that the behaviour of a minority of students is having on the residents of these neighbouring streets I have had to introduce the following rule with immediate effect:

- Students wishing to reach Battersea Park Road should do so either via Battersea High Street or via Surrey Lane and Bridge Lane. Students must **not** walk through **Orbel Street, Octavia Street, Ursula Street** or **Balfern Street** unless they live in one of those streets.

This is a reasonable request for us to make of our students to ensure that we maintain our good name in the local community. Students failing to observe this new measure will face sanctions for defiance under school rules.

I am sorry that I have had to take this action as a result of the poor behaviour of a handful of students. However, I feel it is necessary to make these points to the whole of our school community to ensure that our good name, and outstanding reputation, is not damaged by the actions of a few individuals.

I am grateful for your continued support in these matters.

Yours faithfully

Mr P. Dunne
Headteacher

