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Re: AGi/LT

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Dear parents

We are writing to reassure you that we (as a school and the local community police) are aware of an increase in antisocial behaviour involving young people in the local community recently - in both physical and online behaviour, the latter often on social media - and that we are working in partnership to address it.

The majority of our young people are excellent representatives of Smithdon, and the Smithdon Seven, and are advocates for the positive behaviour of young people in the community. However, more of our young people and your children are getting drawn into negative behaviours, often without realising until it is too late.

There are a number of things you can do as a parent to support your child and ensure that they are safe.

**Do you know where your child is when they are out in the community?**

- If you don't, your child could be vulnerable. Discuss with your child where they are going and how they should keep in touch with you. An increasing number of families use tracker apps such as Google family link to help keep their children safe.

**Do you know who they are with?**

- If you don't, your child could be vulnerable. Have open conversations with your child about who they are with and what they are doing. If you are worried, put boundaries in place.

**Do you know what they are doing when they are online?**

- If you don't, your child could be vulnerable. Talk to your child about online safety and monitor apps that they use. Check your child's devices regularly.

**Do you know who they are talking to online?**

- If you don't, your child could be vulnerable. Talk to your child about privacy settings and check these with them on their devices. There is a lot of useful advice and support on the NSPCC website to help you keep your child safe <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

If you are worried about your child in the community please speak to us.

Thank you for your support. Together we can protect our young people and ensure that our community is a safe place for all people, of all ages.

Yours sincerely

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