



# Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

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### Anti-Social Behaviour

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to congratulate our pupils on a positive return to school after the half-term holiday. Pupils have come back with a positive attitude and many are taking part in a wide range of activities including lunch time activities, after school clubs and sports clubs. Year 11 pupils have been revising and studying hard for their mock exams which are almost finished, including a high attendance at intervention sessions. It is a pleasure to see pupils working, learning, and socialising together.

Unfortunately, schools in Sunderland have been made aware of an increase in anti-social behaviour by a small minority of young people over the last few weeks. Because of this, we are contacting all parents and carers to ask for your continued support for our community. It is not acceptable for pupils of any age, or from any school, to be drinking or smoking in groups; causing disturbances through rowdy, unsettled behaviour; causing damage to property; or behaving in any other way which causes issues within the local community, or wider community of Sunderland.

These issues are not new to any school, in any part of the country. However, they are issues that we can work together to challenge. If you have any concerns about your child's involvement in such behaviour, please contact Pastoral Year Group Manager who can co-ordinate a school response for strategies and support with tackling this behaviour. Equally, if this behaviour is affecting your area, please report it to the police on 101.

Our pupils have faced huge challenges in their academic career and in their social lives, over the past few years. They have overcome huge challenges and have a great deal to be proud of because of how they have tackled all that has happened since the beginning of the national pandemic until now. We want to ensure that the minority of young people who are making the wrong choices are supported in changing this behaviour. There is so much to celebrate in our school and we are incredibly proud of the learning and focus of pupils while they are in our building; but we also need to be proud of the actions of all pupils in our wider community.

Thank you for supporting us with this.

Yours faithfully,



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