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Dear Parents/Carers

The police and local schools are working in partnership to keep young people safe by reducing anti-social behaviour in the community. As October marches on and daylight hours reduce, particularly after the clocks go back and it will be dark by 6pm, parents, carers and local residents may have concerns about the activities of some young people on the way home from school and in the evenings.

As Halloween, Bonfire Night and Mischievous Night approach, some young people will involve themselves in 'mischief'. Unfortunately, as we all know, 'mischief' is not always fun – it can cause hurt, harm and loss. In the worst circumstances it may amount to criminal activity.

We are asking for your assistance to ensure that your child does not become involved in conduct which may cause upset or annoyance to others. Please consider the following suggestions in relation to evening activities.

When your child leaves home please make sure you know

- **WHERE** are they going and **WHO** they will be with and;
- **WHEN** they will be returning and **HOW** will they get back

If there is a party or sleepover, ring the host/hostess to check on the arrangements. Our schools, in partnership with the Police and other agencies, will be working with students in relation to fireworks and personal safety in the run up to Bonfire Night. I know that you like me want the best for your local community and your child. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours faithfully

Inspector Paul Sullivan
Pontefract and Knottingley NPT