



## Anti-Social Behaviour

Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer,

Over the last few weeks, we have seen an increase in school aged children engaging in anti-social behaviour in Wolverhampton City Centre and Bentley Bridge. These behaviours cause annoyance and alarm to members of the public and have an impact on local businesses. We have seen fights breaking out in public spaces putting young people at risk of injury as well as causing anxiety for people visiting the area.

The safety of our young people is our priority and in order to prevent further incidents occurring, we are asking for your support to speak to your children about this and explain the impact and consequences. We work collaboratively with schools who will also be discussing this with students to ensure a consistent approach. Currently, we have schools who attend the city centre to engage with students as they travel through the city to promote positive behaviours and encourage young people to adhere to the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO). There are currently two PSPOs in place- City Centre and Bentley Bridge, more information can be found on the attached documents and see the below links for further information.

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/community/crime-prevention/city-centre-public-space-protection-order>

[Bentley Bridge Public Spaces Protection Order | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

We also ask that you remind your child about the risks of being a passive bystander. Even if a young person is not directly involved, gathering to watch, goading, or filming incidents on mobile phones can escalate situations, place your child at risk, and may still lead to police involvement. Sharing or posting footage online can also have serious and lasting consequences.

We are working with partners to identify the children involved and, in some cases, enforcement action may be considered in accordance with the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and other relevant legislation.

Your support is much appreciated.