



South Tyneside Council



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the warmer weather approaches and school holidays start for Easter, we are keen to ensure our coast and parks are a safe and welcoming place for all our children, young people and families to enjoy.

Unfortunately, we have seen a recent rise in incidents of youth disorder, and of young people engaging in risk taking behaviours, such as drinking alcohol and using drugs, and want to raise awareness of this to parents and carers.

We appreciate most of our young people are respectful of their communities and are not engaging in this type of activity, however, we have identified some criminal behaviours by those attending the town centre and foreshore that could lead to arrest and prosecution that we hope to avoid. We have also identified incidents where young people are at risk of being exploited due to levels of intoxication and vulnerability.

We urge families and young people to work with us to ensure our coast and parks are a safe place and encourage you to speak to your children to ensure they understand these risks and that they enjoy their free time safely.

If you are worried about a young person's alcohol or drug use, please seek confidential support from Matrix Young Peoples Service on 0191 4975637
matrixenquiries@southtyneside.gov.uk

If disorder is happening in your area now please contact Northumbria police on 101

Any information with regards to disorder can be reported to:
ASB@southtyneside.gov.uk

To access support and information about a range of issues affecting your family, please contact our Family Help and Adolescent Services:
<https://southtyneside.gov.uk/article/3992/South-Tyneside-Youth-Service>

<https://southtyneside.gov.uk/article/1086/Family-Hubs>

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