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ASB Summer School Briefing Sheet

Over the summer months we all want to spend some time enjoying the better weather, the longer days and the lighter nights. Young people are off school and most of them are out and about having harmless fun. Unfortunately anti social behaviour can increase at this time of the year with a minority of people spoiling summer days for the majority of others.

Merseyside Police are working together with local councils, youth services etc to help keep anti social behaviour down this summer and with your support we would like to make young people aware of some of the exciting opportunities available to them as well as raise awareness of some of the issues and problems.

Please could you remind your pupils of the following important messages during assemblies, class registration and/or through citizenship lessons;

Log on for summer fun

- There's no need to stand on street corners, bored, this summer. There are loads of activities, events and clubs going on in your area to get involved in.
- There's everything from football to street dance, trampolining to rock climbing and most activities are free of charge. To find out what's on near you log on to www.sthelens.gov.uk - (on the site there is an advert saying " Nothing to do think again- you can download the brochure which is packed full of activities).

Keeping anti social behaviour down

- When your having fun this summer please be aware of how your actions can effect others. Residents and elderly people can become frightened or intimidated by groups of young people, even if you're not doing anything wrong. If you are meeting friends in the parks or open spaces have fun but please think about others. Make sure your noise doesn't disturb others and don't drink alcohol.
- Police will be increasing patrols in the parks and open spaces and will be seizing off road bikes that are being driven unlawfully. Off road bikes can only be driven on private land with the permission of the landowner. They cannot be driven in parks or open spaces across Merseyside.
- Police are also working with local retailers to ensure that alcohol isn't being sold to people underage and anyone under 18 found drinking alcohol in a public place will have it confiscated and their parents will be informed.

Do have fun with your friends but always respect others. The majority of young people's behaviour is acceptable across Merseyside and it is only the actions of a small minority that causes upset within the community.

Remember log on to find out about lots of fun activities going on near you.