

Dear parents and carers

You may be aware of recent events concerning anti-social behaviour and disorder in North Marine Park, at the Foreshore and in and around the transport Interchange at South Shields.

We understand that the vast majority of young people are respectful of their communities and are not engaging in this type of activity.

However, since October last year, there have been numerous incidents of criminal activity, violence and evidence to suggest drug and alcohol misuse where there have been large gatherings of children and young people in these locations.

We are concerned that this is putting their safety at risk, as well as exposing them to potential consequences of engaging in reckless activity, which can have a serious detrimental impact on their future.

Since the start of October, there have been three arrests, five summons to court and 32 dispersal notices issued.

Anti-social behaviour can be very intimidating, even if that is not the intention, and recent events are having a negative impact on local communities.

We'd encourage you to speak to your children to ensure they are aware of these risks and that they enjoy their free time safely.

Please find below links to activities and support services that you may find useful.

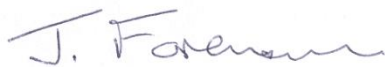
<https://southtyneside.gov.uk/article/3992/South-Tyneside-Youth-Service>

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

www.ypmatrix.org

[Fearless: Anonymous Reporting for a Safer Community | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/)

If you would like to further discuss support service available, please contact Early Help Duty team on 0191 4246210



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