



Dear Parent/Guardian

The Metropolitan Police Safer Schools Team based at Lewisham Police Station are asking parents/guardians to support the police by encouraging their children to not breach current government COVID restrictions before and after school. This is for the protection of themselves and others during this global pandemic.

Safer Schools police officers will be patrolling before and after school in the Lewisham High Street, Forest Hill, Deptford/New Cross and Catford Broadway areas to enforce any breaches of COVID-19 restrictions. We will be engaging with any groups and encouraging them to leave the area and explain to them the importance of social distancing.

If a student is seen to breach COVID-19 restrictions, officers will contact the student's school for appropriate sanctions to be taken, in line with the Education Act. Should the advice be ignored and public safety is compromised, officers have the option to take enforcement action. This includes the option to issue fixed penalty notices to parents or guardians of children who are not following the rules.

Current regulations can be found at www.legislation.gov.uk.

We would ask parents and guardians to take the practical steps to check the current position and ensure your child is not committing an offence by breaching COVID-19 restrictions.

We all need to continue to do our part to prevent the spread of the virus.

Yours faithfully

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