



Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will have read in local press Portobello, and other open spaces within the city, are being subject to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), predominantly at the weekends and predominantly by younger people.

Police Scotland want to make the beach and surrounding streets inviting and enjoyable for everyone in the local area and visitors alike.

Understandably large groups of children/young people congregating on pathways and causing annoyance can be very intimidating. Whilst we understand not every child/young person attending the area are participating in ASB, the majority are standing around in large gatherings, against COVID guidance.

I write today to ask that you discuss attendance at Portobello with your child/young person and ensure they are not involved in ASB which includes large gatherings, drinking alcohol, urinating in public and other general disturbances. Police presence in the area is being increased and any child/young person found to be engaging in ASB will be dealt with robustly and if required, be brought home to yourself or in more serious circumstances arrested and dealt with appropriately.

Those children/young people who wish to enjoy the benefits that Portobello beach brings to the local community, in an appropriate manner, will be more than welcome.

Please have the discussion with your child/young person and help us make Portobello and other areas of Edinburgh a pleasant place to visit.

Your assistance on this matter is greatly appreciated.

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