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Dear Teacher and Pupils,

**Operation Autumnus and Anti Social Behaviour.**

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By way of introduction my name is Mark Thornton and I am a Chief Inspector with Redcar and Cleveland Police and have responsibility for Neighbourhood Policing across the Borough.

In Redcar and Cleveland we have much to celebrate regarding our young people, who play a major and valuable part in our community. Some adults wrongly perceive that young people are involved in Anti Social behaviour, when they are quite simply doing nothing wrong and show very low tolerance levels towards them. We are addressing this issue through education and by highlighting the great things that young people do.

The autumn period has historically been a challenging time with the dark nights, fireworks and a misplaced tradition of causing trouble on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October and 4<sup>th</sup> of November resulting in a difficult time for residents. It is true that the majority of Anti Social Behaviour around this time is caused by young people, many of whom would not normally cause problems. It is worthy of note that many young people are often the victim of Anti Social Behaviour and we are dedicated to protecting them. We will also be working with retailers to limit the sale of matches, fireworks, eggs and flour which are often misused causing concern to residents.

We will be carrying out extensive enforcement activity on key dates and locations. There will be a very firm approach, those causing problems will be challenged and if necessary arrested. The last thing I want is to bring young people before the courts however those who offend during this period can expect swift justice.

I write this to you in order to highlight the dangers of being involved in anti social behaviour or misuse of fireworks.

Thank you for time in reading this letter, if you would like further information about Neighbourhood Policing then you can visit our website [www.cleveland.police.uk](http://www.cleveland.police.uk) or contact your Neighbourhood Policing Team through our direct contact number 01642 302929.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Thornton

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