

Chesterfield

Locality Children's Partnership

Do you know where your children are?

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Chesterfield Locality Partnership is a group of agencies who work together to support, keep safe and promote the best interests of children and young people in Chesterfield. The partnership includes representatives from education, law enforcement, health Derbyshire County Council and voluntary agencies.

There are major concerns about the dangers that teenagers may be placing themselves in by being in Chesterfield Town Centre during the evening/night or by being part of a large group.

Chesterfield has a vibrant town centre economy. In recent months there have been a series of issues with street-drinkers, rough sleepers and large groups of young people. The partnership would advise that the town centre in the evening/night is not an appropriate place for teenagers to be unsupervised. We would suggest that parents discourage their child from being in the town centre during this time.

As you will be aware, social media is increasingly how young people choose to communicate with each other, as it is instantaneous and is able to reach a large number of people quickly. Recently social media has been used to provide information on meeting points for large groups of young people. These groups have met throughout Chesterfield, including the town centre, and have included children as young as 10 and 11 years old, teenagers and adults. As part of any unsupervised group the partnership would like to highlight that your child is more likely to be in danger of:

- being involved in Anti- Social Behaviour
- being of interest to the Police
- drinking alcohol
- being offered or taking illegal drugs
- being placed in a vulnerable position

It is sensible to consider the following questions regarding the whereabouts of your children:

- Do I know where they are and what they are doing?
- Do I know who they are with

Please work with us to ensure that your children are safe