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Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Public Space protection Order (PSPO) and Anti-social Behaviour**

I am writing to share with you concerns that have been raised by West Midlands Police in relation to increasing anti-social behaviour that is taking place in parts of the city centre.

Local officers have shared with leaders at City Academy Birmingham their concerns over the number of students from around the city that gather in and around the Dale End / Carrs Lane bus terminals at the end of the school day. The area concerned is covered by a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), details of which can be found on the information attached, and as such anyone found to be behaving a manner contrary to the order is liable to arrest and prosecution.

We know that the many of our students travel considerable distances to attend City Academy Birmingham and have very few options but to use the bus services that stop in and around the identified area. However, I must remind all parents that students who do use this area should do so sensibly and only remain there until the first available bus arrives. In some cases, students from our school and those from other schools around the city centre have been congregating in increasingly large numbers which has caused offence and disturbance to other travellers and pedestrians in the area.

No students from the academy have been cautioned by the Police to date and I pass on my thanks to you and your children for their conduct. However, I would urge you to speak with your child(ren) about this issue, the PSPO and the potential consequences should they become involved with anti-social behaviour which leads to arrest or caution. Schools are required to provide potential employers or colleges of further and higher education with accurate references. These references would include details of any incidents such as those listed in the PSPO and most likely have a negative impact on applications or offers of employment.

Our primary concern is the safety of our students and members of our wider community and we work closely with West Midlands Police to ensure this. It is everyone's responsibility to act lawfully and consider their own actions in relation to others and I would urge students to make their journey home directly, avoiding unnecessary delays.

Should you wish to discuss this issue further or have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. I look forward to your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kush Bains', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Miss Kush Bains  
Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral) Designated Safeguarding Lead