



22nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to make you aware of a further incident of significant anti-social behaviour that took place on Monton Green on Monday 21st September 2026.

Between approximately 6:00pm and 10:00pm, a large group of around 30 to 40 young people, both boys and girls, gathered in the area. The behaviour displayed posed a serious risk to both those involved and members of the wider public.

Reports indicate that fireworks were being set off whilst being held in the hands of the young people, close to the Veterans' Shelter, before being thrown into the air above the crowd of young people. Fireworks were also reportedly thrown towards oncoming vehicles and across the roundabout. This behaviour was extremely dangerous and could easily have resulted in serious injury.

Greater Manchester Police have been involved and, as many of you will be aware, a community meeting was held at Monton Sports Club last week involving local residents, councillors and the police to discuss ongoing concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in the area. Regrettably, the situation now appears to be escalating.

I sincerely hope that none of the young people involved are students from Moorside High School. However, I have spoken with the police, who are hoping to circulate CCTV images to local schools as part of their investigation.

I would be extremely grateful if you could reinforce the following messages with your child:

- Students should not be congregating on Monton Green, particularly during the evening.
- Fireworks should never be misused or handled irresponsibly.
- Actions that place others at risk can have very serious consequences, including injury, criminal sanctions and lasting impacts on future opportunities.
- Young people should make sensible choices about who they spend time with and remove themselves from situations where unsafe or anti-social behaviour is taking place.

As a school, we are deeply concerned by these incidents. I genuinely fear that, unless attitudes and behaviour change, someone could be seriously hurt.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our young people and the wider community safe.

Kind regards

Mrs H. Ryles-Dean
Principal