Dear Parents / Carers

It is with disappointment and regret that I write to inform you that the School Governors and Senior Management Team have, after much discussion and consideration, taken the decision to close the Youth Club held at Rye Hills on Friday evenings.

As you may know, the Youth Club has been running for Rye Hills' students for a number of years, however in recent months there have been escalating incidents of serious disruption and anti-social behaviour, both within the club itself and afterwards in the local community as the children disperse. Many of the problems/incidents are caused by students who do not attend this school. They hang around, try to gain access to the Youth Club and have no respect for the students, staff or building and therefore this makes it very difficult for us to alleviate this issue. The police cannot guarantee being able to attend in the event of disruption, which has a significant impact on our ability to ensure the safety of staff and children.

Despite the hard work and dedication of the staff and helpers who run the Youth Group, it is now felt that we can no longer guarantee the health and safety of the children or staff who attend the youth club.

I am sure you will agree that it is a huge shame that the actions of a few has resulted in the closure of the club. Equally, however, I am sure you will understand the school's primary responsibility is to ensure the safety and welfare of all those who attend.

Within the local area here are youth groups and other activities that students can attend. Further information about these can be found at: PIN - People information network in Redcar & Cleveland: www.peoplesinfonet.org.uk. We are also looking to hold occasional events for our students where possible.

Thank you in advance for your support.

With kind regards,

Iain Fuller
Chair of Governors

Mrs C. Waugh
Acting Headteacher