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F.A.O all parents / carers of Ratby resident students

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Dear Parents / Carers

I am sure that you will share my disappointment and serious concern that in the last 2 weeks we have received 3 separate reports of students dropping items, including bricks, from the motorway bridge on the way into Ratby, onto the motorway below.

In one instance, we have received dash cam footage from a haulage company showing students on the bridge dropping items which landed on the roof of their vehicle causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. Students cannot be identified from the video.

All students in school have been spoken to about these incidents but, given the potentially tragic consequences of this sort of behaviour, we are asking parents / carers to discuss this issue at home both to reiterate how dangerous such actions are and also to ask their children to report to us whenever they see this behaviour by others. For those of you who use the bridge during school arrival and leaving times please could I also ask you to be vigilant when using the bridge and report to us any concerning behaviour that you see.

In my 15 years working on this campus this is the first time we have had anything more than single isolated incidents relating to behaviour on the bridge. I am very keen to put an end to this spate of incidents for the welfare of everybody potentially involved if a serious accident was to be caused, including the students who would have to live with the consequences of their actions.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely Grea Godwin Senior Deputy Headteacher