

## Educational Services

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Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the Easter break, your son or daughter may be preparing for exams and may also be preparing to leave school and progress to employment or further study. I wish them well and also hope they enjoy success as a result of their hard work.

In recent years a practice has developed amongst some school leavers that leads to significant disruption to school life on their last day. Activities have included throwing eggs, flour and smearing sticky substances on banisters and floors. I am writing to ask you to reinforce with your son or daughter that the practice is not acceptable. What some consider to be a bit of fun can have significant consequences for the young people involved and for innocent third parties.

In common with many teachers, I find it difficult to understand how young people who have worked closely with their teachers over a number of years can treat staff and the school community with such disrespect. It is equally unfair that school cleaners and janitors are left to clear up the mess left behind by a small group of young people who mistakenly believe making a mess on their last day is an entitlement.

The custom has only developed in recent years and in my view, should also die out as quickly as it developed. Young people need to realise that they are risking their future when they get involved in this type of activity. In some cases it amounts to criminal damage and may result in charges. My apologies if none of this applies to your son or daughter. Once again, as your child reaches the point where he or she benefits from a good education and moves on, I hope they find some positive way of marking the transition rather than the negative and destructive ways which have developed in recent years.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Hutchison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

**Douglas Hutchison**  
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