



## **Re: Emporium Nightclub Under 18's Parties**

Dear Parents/ Guardians

It has come to our attention from local charities, agencies and the police that the Emporium nightclub and bar (St. Ebbes, Oxford) are hosting a range of under-18's events. These events attract large numbers of young people, with some attending from 11 years of age and upwards.

In recent months, there has been increasing concern that the surrounding grounds of the Ice Rink may be a high-risk area for drugs and exploitation of young people. With operations in that area to help to reduce the risk, there are now concerns that this activity may have moved closer to the area surrounding the Emporium nightclub. This is clearly a concern when combined with under-18's events.

Our advice to parents is to be vigilant around these nights and to be alert to discussions surrounding attendance of the 'WeAreHouse' events at Emporium. If you decide to allow your child to attend, have conversations with them around safe behaviours and awareness of the risks that these events may pose, in terms of alcohol, drugs and exploitation.

The next under-18 event due to be held at Emporium is a Halloween party on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017. You can find more information about the events held at the venues social media page by searching for '@WAHOxford' on Facebook.

Please do contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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