



October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

The safety and well-being of our students is of paramount importance both in school and in the local community. Therefore, we would like to announce, as part of an initiative offered by the Local Authority and Leicestershire Police, The Castle Rock School have the opportunity to take part in a workshop on the topic of 'County Lines'.

County Lines is used in reference to a form of criminal activity in which drug dealers in major cities establish networks for the supply and sale of drugs to users in towns and rural areas, using other people (typically those who are young or otherwise vulnerable) to carry, store, and sell the drugs. Leicestershire Police are "seeking to raise awareness of what County Lines are and the impact they have upon our communities, particularly encouraging education around 'knowing the signs', what people should be looking out for, when, what and how to report to the police" Therefore, they have offered to run virtual workshops for our students during lesson 4, 12.30-1.30pm, on Wednesday 13th October. Students will go to their lessons as normal and remain with their teacher and class throughout the workshop.

We would like our students to be vigilant to the dangers and feel confident enough to recognise the signs of exploitation and manipulation so that they can talk to a member of staff if they are worried about themselves or a friend. All sessions will be delivered virtually by Leicestershire Police, with your child's teacher present to answer any questions.

If you have any questions regarding this session, or if you would **not** like your child to take part, then please don't hesitate to contact: Miss A Kinder or Mr A Thompson on the school's phone number.

Furthermore, we would like to invite parents, carers and grandparents to a similar event on 13th October from 3:45pm – 5pm, where we will be screening a powerful film funded by the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) and produced in conjunction with police and partners across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR), which aims to raise awareness of 'Child Criminal Exploitation' (CCE). This hour-long session is delivered by Katie Hudson, Children and Young Persons Officer, James Edmondston, Substance Misuse Officer and DS Rob Buckley Force CCE Lead, and is aimed specifically at professionals and carers of young people such as teachers, care workers, coaches and concerned parents and grandparents. This session will develop knowledge and awareness of topics, such as County Lines and enable you to know the signs and how you can protect young people in your care. Refreshments will be provided.

Depending on how many people we have attending, this event will either be in The Castle Rock School assembly Hall or in our Theatre. We will contact you with final arrangements when the numbers are confirmed.

If you would like to attend this screening, please either email me akinder@castlerocksch.uk with all of the details asked for on the reply slip, or please complete the slip attached and return it to the school office or your child's tutor.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Miss A L Kinder
Assistant Headteacher



County Lines screening - Please return to your child's Tutor or the school office

I (*parent/carer name*)parent/carer of

(*student name*)would like to attend the screening on the 13th of October

(If you would like your child to attend, **they must be over the age of 11**, please add them to the total number of guests below)

There will be (*total number*) guests attending.