



Years 5 and 6 Votes for Schools – County Lines
Parent Information Sessions – Monday 21st January 2019

15th January 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to yesterday's letter explaining the lessons about 'county lines', we would like to invite parents into school for further information sessions. During the sessions, the teachers will be able to talk through the resources they plan to use with the children and be able to clarify any concerns or questions you may have.

These sessions will take place in the heart space on **Monday 21st January 2019** at the following times:

- **3:30pm – 4:00pm**
- **5:30pm – 6:00pm**

If children are attending these sessions, they will be asked to sit at the side whilst teachers and parents discuss the resources.

In the meantime, please do consider looking at the guidance below:

The Children's Society has lots of helpful guidance for parents and carers worried about county lines:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/tackling-criminal-exploitation-and-county-lines/county-lines-resources>

The NSPCC has advice for parents and carers worried about gangs, as well as how to spot grooming and exploitation:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/gangs-young-people/>

Fearless (The Crimestoppers brand for young people) has excellent materials on County Lines and child exploitation, if you would like to look at this issue in more depth:

https://www.fearless.org/getattachment/Professionals/Resources/Order-Form/Downloads/Fearless_CountyLinesResource_18pp_V2_online.pdf?lang=en-GB

Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

If you are worried about a child, you can call the NSPCC's professional counsellors 24/7 for help, advice or support on 0808 800 5000.

We look forward to teaching our children about this important issue and value your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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