

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Staffordshire Police are committed to keeping our communities safe and reassured and recognise the importance of building a positive relationship between the Police and young people. As part of this vision, the Year 5 pupils have been invited to take part in the Staffordshire Police Junior Cadets' Programme.

The scheme is delivered by PCSOs as an afterschool club in school premises. Staffordshire Police will not accept supervisory or safeguarding responsibility for pupils on the course and a member of school staff will be present throughout each session. Responsibility for the supervision and safety of the pupil's rests with the school and not Staffordshire Police.

These sessions are designed to:

- develop communication skills
- build confidence and respect for others
- develop knowledge and understanding of personal safety
- consider actions and consequences
- understand the role of law in protecting communities

The course will take place on six afternoons throughout the term and will comprise the following units:

- Community values and police ethics
- Communication and using the NATO phonetic alphabet
- Anti-social behaviour and its impact on the community
- Staying safe while out and about; dangers and hazards
- Road safety
- Forensic awareness

The course will help our young people to understand their valued place in the community and become more responsible members within it. These sessions will take place at Ryecroft on the following dates: **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023** from 3:45pm to 4:45pm.

On successfully completing all elements of the course, the pupils will be awarded a named certificate of attendance, a pin badge and a Junior Cadet t-shirt at a celebration assembly. The cost of these items will be met by the Police and there will be **no cost** to the school or to you. The pupils will also bring home any work that they have done during the course.

Your child's name will be recorded on a register to monitor their attendance. Pupils who miss a significant number of the sessions will not be given the award.

If you would like your child to take part in this programme, please click on the link below and complete the online consent form. **Please note: there are only 15 places available so it will be on a first come, first served basis.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/xc1M9C4adr>

If you have any queries about the programme or its delivery, please contact PCSO 16930 Lucy Hadfield by email at: [lucinda.hadfield@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto:lucinda.hadfield@staffordshire.police.uk)

Yours sincerely

**PCSO 16930 Lucy Hadfield**