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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about a programme Year 6 children will be taking part in this term as part of their PSHE learning. The Risk-Avert: Primary programme is part of our PSHE provision at Queensway.

In 2013 Essex County Council commissioned the Risk-Avert programme to educate, inform and reduce risk-taking amongst young people across the UK. 2015 marked a transition of the programme into a primary school setting. This programme is named Risk-Avert: Primary and has been developed by The Training Effect, a consultancy service provider to councils across the UK.

Risk-Avert: Primary has been designed for KS2 children and is focused on early intervention and prevention. It aims to provide our pupils with improved knowledge related to why people engage in risky behaviours, dispel myths using social norms and provide skills that can help children safely navigate risky or dangerous situations.

All school children currently in year 6 will be asked to complete a short anonymous survey. The survey will ask them about their experiences and knowledge on a range of issues that include internet safety and their understanding of social norms.

After the survey, the children will take part in four specifically designed sessions. The focus of the sessions will be to educate them about risk-taking and offer support to help them make positive choices as they get older.

For any further information on the project please feel free to ask.

Best wishes.

Mrs Robertson PSHE Coordinator