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Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: Year 6 SCIB Summer Term Unit: Exploitation & Protective Behaviours

As part of our ongoing work with SCIB, our Year 6 children are taking part in an interactive workshop facilitated by BTB training, to support them in developing protective behaviours. We hope that this will help them to develop skills and knowledge to stay safe in the community.

The workshops have been specifically designed to enhance our school's safeguarding curriculum. The interactive workshop will support students to understand and identify risks and develop their awareness around child exploitation. They will explore techniques and approaches used by criminals to target young children.

The workshop sessions will be practical, empowering, interactive and engaging, supporting children to build a valuable toolkit to use when they are out in public places. It will support them to stay safe, act wisely and help develop a collective awareness of protective behaviours by being aware of the harsh realities of this lifestyle. During the session, the facilitator will draw on real life experiences, looking through the lens of people that have walked the life of crime and have positively transformed their lives.

Our Year 6's will take part in this workshop on Monday 2nd June 2025.

In addition to this, BTB Training are running a parent workshop focussing on understanding and recognising the dangers of child exploitation and the risks involved in county lines grooming. During this virtual session, there will be the opportunity to collectively explore the signs of grooming and county lines activity. The sessions will be run by Long Vu. He has a strong passion to facilitate social impact with our younger generations in terms of crime prevention and to create a safer environment for our children to grow up and thrive in. Born in Hong Kong as a Vietnamese refugee and having moved to the UK, Long grew up in tough environments within a large South London council estate. He has experienced many struggles, dropping out of school without any qualifications, being involved in gangs and violence and experiencing addiction and poverty. Long uses his own story and experience as an indicator to educate children about risks and develop a much wider awareness of the dangers of being involved in County Lines gangs and being indebted.

The parent session will take place on Tuesday 3rd June at 5pm. This will be a virtual workshop accessed using the link here: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88143766345?pwd=LTLpaEZpgmUFzfDwxY8CNoVZkbbjSE.1</u> Meeting ID: 881 4376 6345 Passcode: 141902

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

With Thanks,

Lucy Robertson

PSHE Lead