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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Parent Conferences – Whole School**

Do you know **exactly** where your son or daughter is at the evening and weekend? Do you know **every** friend they have? The answer to those questions is almost certainly 'no'.

It is normal and healthy for teenagers to have the freedom to go out with their friends and to socialise with a diverse range of people, both in the real world and online but this puts them at risk. As their parent you are best placed to talk to your teenager about keeping safe and making informed choices, but would you know where to begin? Do you know what risks exist or what advice to give?

In order that you are better placed to have those discussions at home and to understand the risks facing your children, we have organised sessions for parents covering issues such as drugs, grooming and criminal exploitation, county lines and online safety. These are issues affecting young people of all backgrounds, ethnicities and abilities locally. The sessions are run by specialists and are supported by other agencies. Please see the attached flier for information.

Whilst we all hope that this isn't relevant to our children we have to recognise that it could be and our best defence is to arm ourselves and our children with information and advice.

You can attend one or all of the sessions just sign up using the parentconference@... email address for the relevant school/schools.

If you want any more information, please do not hesitate to contact us or one of the host schools.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Green  
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