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Dear Parents/Carers,

Free Online Information Session: Understanding Gangs and County Lines in Norfolk

We are pleased to announce that St Giles Education will be hosting a free online workshop for parents and carers on Understanding Gangs and County Lines in Norfolk. This workshop is specifically tailored to help families in Norfolk gain awareness about the risks associated with gangs and county lines, an issue that is unfortunately affecting communities of all sizes.

Although gang activity and county lines are often associated with older children, it is increasingly important for parents and carers of primary school-age children to be informed on these issues as well. Research shows that gangs and criminal networks are beginning to approach children at younger ages. This could involve direct contact or a gradual process of grooming and manipulation through online interactions or through local, seemingly harmless activities. Understanding these early signs, as well as the tactics that might be used, can help us stay vigilant and provide our children with the right support from an early stage.

We know that prevention is always better than cure and schools, parents and carers are part of that vital support network. By understanding some of the risk areas and what to look out for, we can be better prepared to support our children navigate their world and have those conversations that can make a difference.

This online event, **which is free** , lasts for 1 and a half hours on Thursday 14 November, 10 - 11:30am.

To sign up click on the link or paste in your browser. Free online session Understanding gangs & county lines

Yours sincerely,

Robbie Houghton
Head of School