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Dear Parents.

In 2013 Essex County Council commissioned the Risk-Avert programme to educate, inform and reduce risk-taking amongst young people. 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.

It has been designed for KS2 children and is focused on early intervention and prevention. It aims to provide our students 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.

In addition, Risk-Avert: Primary provides resources which can support the development and improvement of skills which can support positive emotional health.

The programme will work with school children from year 6 throughout the remainder of the academic year.

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, friendships and personal safety.

After the survey, the children will take part in four specifically designed sessions. The focus of the sessions will be determined by the results of the survey; this ensures that the content of the sessions is specific to the experiences and needs of our students.

At this stage we are inviting parents to inform us (via text) if **you are not happy for your children to take part in this survey and/or project.**

For information on Risk-Avert: Primary please visit www.risk-avert.org

Further details for The Training Effect can be found at www.thetrainingeffect.co.uk

Year 6 Team