

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Peartree Spring School is working together with Hertfordshire Police and partner agencies to educate and support our students.

On the **23rd and 24th November 2022** Hertfordshire Police will be attending the school to deliver a session on criminal exploitation. The learning outcomes for this educational session are to raise awareness around the reality of criminal exploitation, gangs, county lines, and knife crime.

In all the sessions that take place, we will make sure your child knows who to ask and where to go for more support after the session. If they are worried, they will be listened to and supported by the school.

For more information on the signs of exploitation and how to report crime, please visit the links below. You may find these useful when talking about the lessons with your child:

- <https://www.herts.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>
- <https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/policing>
- <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/helping-children>
- <https://www.fearless.org/en/give-info>
- <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> <https://riseabove.org.uk/>

All Hertfordshire Police staff and officers attending and delivering sessions will follow the principles of the Children Acts 1989 and 2004 - that states that the welfare of children is paramount.

If any reports or disclosures come from the intended session(s), in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR Principles, Hertfordshire Police and teaching staff will only share information to relevant agencies for a clear and legitimate purpose. If a group or individuals are highlighted as cause for concerns, we will make sure discussion (if necessary) is consensual and confidential to those involved. If sensitive/personal information needs to be shared to additional safeguarding agencies that could involve your child/ren, this will be discussed with you as the appropriate adult(s).

If you have any questions about the upcoming session, please contact a member of the School's Pastoral/Safeguarding Team who you can talk through your concerns and plan a way forward together.

Yours sincerely
PC 799 Andy Pope