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Dear Parent / Carer

SURVEY TO GAIN THE VIEWS OF CHILDREN IN ESSEX ABOUT CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE) AND ONLINE SAFETY.

We are writing to tell you about a survey that your child's school has agreed to take part in. We will use the survey to help us find out how aware children and young people are about:

- Understanding how to stay safe on line.
- Who could help young people to keep safe?
- Understanding what children know about healthy and unhealthy relationships.
- Where do young people go for help and advice?

This information will help shape services which can educate and support children and young people both now and in the future. This important survey will be completed by Year 6 pupils during school in February 2018 and will be undertaken as part of a class lesson to ensure that your child is provided with all the support and guidance they would need to complete it. The NSPCC recommends that key messages on healthy relationships, exploring friendships, appropriate touch and keeping safe are taught to primary age children, as well as helping them to understand how they can access help should they need it, and recognise online risks and be confident to report concerns they might have.

Each survey is anonymous and all information collected is held in the strictest confidence. However, considering the sensitive nature of this subject, should your child say anything that would suggest that they or another child is not safe then the school will ensure that this is discussed with you so that a plan of support can be made.

The data from all the surveys will be examined by the Involvement Team within Children & Families, Essex County Council. They will compile one report which will reflect the views of the children in Essex who took part in the survey. This report will help the Essex Safeguarding Children Board make sure that all multi-agency work around child sexual exploitation and on line safety are based around knowledge and understanding of what children and young people are saying.

We do hope you will support us in this important initiative; the school will assume that you give consent unless they hear otherwise. Please contact the school directly if you would like to receive a copy of the questionnaire or discuss any queries you may have.

Information regarding this project is available on the following website/link:
<http://www.escb.co.uk/en-gb/safeguardingtopics/childsexualexploitation/supportcampaign.aspx>

This includes an opportunity for you to take part, through completing an online survey for parents and carers. We would value hearing your views on this important subject.

For more information regarding child sexual exploitation, knowing the signs, and where to go for help please visit the 'I Didn't Know' CSE Campaign Website:
http://www.essex.police.uk/be_safe/child_sexual_exploitation.aspx

Yours sincerely

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