



Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 PCSO Workshop – County Lines

Monday 10th February 2025

As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, we have arranged a workshop with our local PCSO's on the subject of county lines.

County lines is a term used to describe a serious national issue where criminal gangs set up a drug dealing operation in a place outside their usual operating area. Gangs may move their drug dealing from big cities (eg London, Manchester, Birmingham etc) to smaller towns in an attempt to find new markets. This brings serious criminal behaviour into the area and can affect the community who live there. Gangs recruit and use children and young people to move drugs and money for them. Children may be recruited using social media and be exploited to carry drugs between locations, usually on trains or coaches. They may also be coerced to sell drugs to local users.

At Perton Middle School we have a robust PSHE curriculum that covers many relevant topics and we feel that these workshops will only add to the great education that our pupils receive on how they can keep themselves safe.

The PCSOs will visit school on Monday 10th February to chat to Year 8 classes about the dangers of county lines, how they might be exploited and how to stay safe as well as where they can turn if they have a concern. The workshops will take place during their normal school day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,



Chloe Shelley
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Designated Safeguarding Lead