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Dear Parent/Carer

Essex County Council has commissioned a new programme to educate, inform and reduce risk-taking amongst young people.

The programme has been developed by The Training Effect, a consultancy service provider to councils across the UK.

The project is focused on early intervention and prevention. We do not expect many young people to be engaging in these behaviours at this age; however, the project is about supporting young people to make positive choices as they get older.

The programme will work with Year 8 students from the 2016/17 academic year.

All students currently in Year 8 will be asked to complete a short survey, which will ask them about their experience of a range of issues including Internet safety, friendships and any risk taking experience they may have been exposed to socially, including alcohol or smoking.

From October 2016 a percentage of young people surveyed will be offered the chance to take part in a six-session programme to educate them about risk-taking and offer support to help them make positive choices as they get older.

At this stage we are inviting parents to inform us if they are not happy for their child to take part in this project and/or survey.

For any further information on the project, please contact me at gwilson@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Further details for The Training Effect can be found at www.thetrainingeffect.co.uk and further details on Risk-Avert can be found here, www.risk-avert.org.

Yours sincerely

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