



# HECKINGTON ST. ANDREW'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22nd June 2023



Some of the children had a fantastic time last week learning a new sport - Quidditch!

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*A reminder that next week, 30th June, the children will be spending the day with their new class teacher and the Year 6 pupils will be spending the day at their new secondary schools.*

*The PTfA are currently very busy preparing for the summer fayre and we hope you will come along to support them. They work really hard to raise money to buy those additional extras for the children and do a fantastic job.*

*Please note that all children need to come in P.E. kits on Monday 26th June for a sporting activity that is taking place in school.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Mrs J Bentley  
Head Teacher*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**27.06.23 Year 4** Trip to Woodside Wildlife Park

**30.06.23** Transition Day for the whole school

**03.07.23** Year 1 & 2 trip to Tattershall Farm Park

**03.07.23 PTFA Non school-uniform day** for Jam-jar tombola

**07.07.23 PTFA Summer Fayre 3.30pm**

**11.07.23 Year 6 Production in afternoon,** details to follow

**12.07.23 Year 6 Production evening performance,** details to follow

**14.07.23 Year 5 Taster Day St George's Day 9.30-12.00**

**18.07.23 Year 6 Leavers' Party,** details to follow

**21.07.23 Year 6 Leavers' Service 2pm at Church**



*A reminder that Monday 3rd July is non school uniform day, in return for a jam jar for the tombola. Children going on the trip can still wear non uniform, suitable for a day at the farm, to support the PTFA.*





Thanks again to the PTFA for helping fund our new golf equipment. Rowan class loved their first golf lesson in PE.



Heckington St Andrew's CE School  
PTFA

# SUMMER FETE

★ Friday 7th July ★  
3.30pm



Parentkind  
Member Association

INFLATABLES!  
RAFFLE!  
STALLS!  
PARTY DELIGHTS!  
REFRESHMENTS!  
TOMBOLAS!  
GAMES!  
LUCKY DIP!  
BEAT THE  
KEEPER!  
GIANT  
TORTOISES!

ALL  
WELCOME!!

★ FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY ★

The PTFA can't wait to welcome you all to our Summer Fayre on 7th July! Please send a jam jar filled with goodies (wrapped sweets, gifts etc, not jam!) into school on our non-uniform day (3rd July) for the jam jar tombola. We would also welcome donations of good quality, clean teddy bears for the teddy tombola, raffle prizes (in particular, bottles of wine/alcohol, vouchers and hampers), and homemade or shop bought cakes on the day for the refreshments stall. Please email the PTFA if you are able to spare even just half an hour on the day to help set up, run a stall, or pack away at the event. [ptfa@heckington.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@heckington.lincs.sch.uk)

A book of raffle tickets will be sent home with each child tonight. Please return the stubs, money taken (CASH please) and any unsold tickets to the office by Thursday 6th July. There are spare tickets which can be collected from the school office if you can sell more!



# County Lines: What you need to know

## What is county lines?

- A child is 'groomed' by a criminal gang, then exploited to transport drugs and money from one area (county) to another – usually from an urban location to a rural or coastal one. Grooming can happen in person, or online on social media apps like Snapchat
- The child may be trafficked to the gang's 'trap houses' or 'bando' miles away from home, to find 'customers', deal with rival gangs and sell drugs
- The child is likely to face violence and sexual exploitation
- The 'lines' refer to the dedicated mobile phone lines that gangs use for selling drugs.

## WHAT SIGNS SHOULD I LOOK OUT FOR?

Potential signs that a child is involved in county lines include:

- Leaving home without explanation
- Returning home late, staying out all night or going missing
- Being found in areas away from home
- Being secretive about who they're talking to and where they are going
- Persistently going missing from school or college
- Receiving unexplained money, phone(s), clothes or jewellery
- Receiving excessive texts/phone calls and/or owning multiple handsets
- Forming relationships with controlling/older individuals or groups
- Using sexual, drug-related or violent language you wouldn't expect them to know
- Showing increasingly disruptive or aggressive behaviour
- Coming home with injuries or looking particularly messy
- Owning hotel cards or keys to unknown places
- Taking drugs, or being found with large amounts of drugs on them

Noticing any of these signs doesn't mean your child is being exploited through county lines. However, you should still talk to them about any concerns you have.

## Is my child at risk?

Criminal gangs are known to target:

- Children with vulnerabilities, such as poverty, family breakdown, exclusion from school – because they're more likely to respond to manipulation and coercion
- Children from stable or affluent families – because they're less likely to be known to the police and may blend in better in the town the gang sends them to
- Girls and young children – children as young as 7 are being groomed by gangs, and girls are often groomed into relationships with gang members or used to transport drugs as they're less likely to be stopped by the police

However, any child is vulnerable to exploitation.

## What should I do if I suspect my child is being exploited?

Talk to your child, stay calm and ask questions about what is going on, reassuring them you want to keep them safe. Try to be open, honest and non-judgemental – remember, they may be scared.

If you are still concerned, seek help straight away – there are organisations that can help you. You could do any of the following, **but you must tell someone:**

- Contact our school. Ask to speak to the designated safeguarding lead and explain your concerns to them. They will be able to advise you where to go next
- Report your concerns to children's social care. A social worker will be able to listen to your concerns and help you to protect your child
- Contact your local police station or call 101. If your child is missing, remember you don't have to wait 24 hours before making a report
- Contact organisations such as:
  - Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111
  - NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
  - Family Lives: 0808 800 2222

If you believe your child is in immediate danger, or a threat is made against you or another family member, **call 999 immediately.**