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To: Joanne Sheldon
Subject: Y6 Safety In Action trip Tuesday 16th April 2024

Dear Y6 Parents and Guardians,

Y6 Safety in Action Morning on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at Kenward House, Kenward Rd, Yalding, Maidstone ME18 6AH

Year 6 have once again been invited to attend this exciting annual event. **Children will leave school by coach before school starts (the time will be advised once we have more coach information), and return at the end of lunchtime.** Children should wear school uniform and appropriate footwear. They will need to bring a packed lunch, a waterproof coat, snack, and a filled water bottle. All of these should be carried in a rucksack. The activities are all outdoors under gazebos.

The cost is £12 per child, which includes travel to and from the event. You are not obliged to contribute and no child will be excluded on financial grounds. However, if we cannot raise the total amount, the trip may have to be cancelled. If there are any difficulties in paying this amount, please see Mrs Bettles or Mrs Lightbody.

We would like you to make payments by Friday 8th March using Gateway, which enables parents to pay online.

What is 'Safety in Action'? Salus, the organisers, explain:

'Safety in Action' is an interactive event that invites Year 6 children to learn about some of the dangers they may face as they become more independent and prepare for transition to secondary school.

This event has been running in Kent since the early 1990s, with several thousand children from Maidstone, Ashford, Swale, Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Dartford, Gravesham, Thanet and Swanley taking part over the years. It is supported by many organisations including Salus, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, RNLI, Kent County Council, British Transport Police and UK Power Networks.

Salus are pleased to have been commissioned by the local authority to run the event for the benefit of the district's schools in 2024.

A number of scenarios are set up by the different organisations, designed to simulate and provide information about a variety of topics that may include:

- Drugs/alcohol
- Fire safety
- Water safety
- Electrical safety
- Rail safety
- Road safety
- Passenger safety
- Personal safety
- Friends (Resilience)
- Emergency Life Support
- School Attendance
- Exploitation

Competition: Children are divided into teams to rotate around the different safety scenarios, spending 10 minutes at each to learn about the specific safety messages. Teams are awarded points for their responses to the questions. At the end of the event, these are aggregated to identify the winning school and runner up.

Transport

Transport will be arranged by Salus and details are provided to schools in advance. All coaches will be fitted with seatbelts. Timings and arrangements will be managed centrally by Salus, and advised to schools nearer the time.

Your child will also be bringing home a Pupil Information form this week from SALUS, for completion and return to school.

Yours sincerely,

Regards
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