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# Bury St Edmunds All-Through Trust - Tollgate Campus

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Head of School: Miss H Brookman

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Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

## County Lines Workshop

You may have heard about 'County Lines' through local and national press. This is a growing concern for children and young people. It is becoming an increasing problem in our local area and could affect children and families in and around the school.

'County Lines' is a term used to describe organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into Suffolk using dedicated mobile phone lines or 'deal lines' as they are also known. They are likely to use and exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store drugs and money. They will often use intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons to get what they need.

We know they are starting to use children as young as 8 years old to carry the drugs. At Tollgate, we would like all parents and carers to have as much information as possible, so you can protect your child, therefore we have arranged an information session on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**. It will last about an hour. This will be delivered by Will Wright, a member of the Community and Safety partnership team. If you would like to come to this workshop, please sign up via ParentMail.

If you would like further information around County Lines please visit the Suffolk Safeguarding Board website [www.suffolkscb.org.uk/parents-and-cares/gangs/](http://www.suffolkscb.org.uk/parents-and-cares/gangs/). If you are worried about your child and County Lines please speak to one of the safeguarding leads at school: Miss Brookman, Mrs Winn or Mrs Korth.

Yours faithfully,

*Mrs Winn*

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