

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know about the Life Skills programme (previously known as DARE) that we are running for the Year 6 children this term, starting Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

The programme will be taught by a trained DAaRT (Drug, Alcohol and Resilience Training) Officer who is employed by Life Skills Education Charity. The programme is a 10-week course with a graduation at the end which teaches children how to make the safe and healthy decisions which they will need as they develop into adulthood and beyond.

The classes will be involved in discussion and activities and will watch video clips during which they will meet the DAaRT Crew. These young people often get themselves into risky situations and the class will help them to make informed decisions and to keep safe and healthy.

During the course, the children will use a workbook, which they can bring home and share with you. This will include them discussing responsibility, pressure and peer pressure, confident communication, bullying and cyberbullying, risks and consequences, stress and support networks.

We will also be discussing helpful and harmful drugs, and alcohol and the effects that these have on the body. The programme includes discussion on knife safety and will also explore the differences between various groups in society.

This programme has been running in the East Midlands and beyond for over 25 years, has more than 400,000 graduates and has been proven to make a difference in young people's lives.

For more information, please visit [www.lifeskills-education.co.uk](http://www.lifeskills-education.co.uk) where you will also find a link to the most recent research about the course.

Please contact me should you have any questions or queries or need any further information.

Kind regards,

Year 6 Team  
(Mrs James, Mrs Hayes and Miss Blatherwick)