



25<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

### Y5/6 PARENTS/CARERS DRUG AWARENESS EVENING

As a school, we are committed to providing our pupils with opportunities to learn the skills they need for a happy, healthy life. This includes essential drug and alcohol education, which is age appropriate and part of the National Curriculum. Whilst this is very important, a consistent approach from home and school is invaluable. Research suggests that it is important to start having these discussions with children around the time they are in Year 6.

We would therefore like to invite parents/carers of Year 5 and 6 pupils to one of a series of Drug Awareness Evenings which will be held in local secondary schools from 7.00pm to 8.45 pm as follows:

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> October: Ripon Grammar School  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> October: St. John Fisher, Harrogate  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> October: Harrogate Grammar School  
Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> October: Nidderdale High School, Pateley Bridge  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> October: Harrogate High School  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> November: Boroughbridge High School  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> November: King James School, Knaresborough  
Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> November: St. Aidan's School, Harrogate  
Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> November: Rossett School, Harrogate

The workshop will be delivered by representatives from North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire County Council's Prevention Service and Youth Justice Service and the Harrogate District NHS Foundation Trust Healthy Child Team.

The workshop will provide:

- Practical, up-to-date information about alcohol and drugs including cannabis, cocaine, MDMA and New Psychoactive Substances (previously known as 'legal highs')
- Information on the legal, health and social risks of substance misuse
- Information on the local situation regarding drug and alcohol use
- Useful tips on how to talk about this sensitive subject at home
- Details of where to go for additional information and support
- A question and answer session for parents to learn more

The events are free of charge and there is no need to book a place.

If you would like further information, please contact Jon Coates, Area Prevention Manager, on 01609 535926.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Davey".

Helen Davey