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Dear parents and carers,

We are excited to share that we will once again be working with Growing Against Violence (GAV) this academic year. We have worked with them for a number of years now and they have provided annual workshops for our Year 5 and Year 6 children focusing on peer pressure, keeping themselves safe in the community and online, etc.

This year, the facilitators are again able to offer a **parent session** which is open to all parents and carers. This will take place on **Monday 12th January 2026 from 09:10-10:40 in the studio**. Full details of the session can be found at the bottom of this letter and the focus will be on exploring issues, discussing valuable information and practical strategies relating to social media, sexting, online grooming, gangs, and serious youth violence. This workshop offers parents and carers an opportunity to meet other parents/carers, allowing them to share and discuss concerns.

Please click to complete the Google Form to confirm your attendance, thank you.
https://forms.gle/rfcaqZjRv4BKQ9aBA

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Hayley Redmond
Deputy Headteacher

GAV
Growing Against Violence

Parents & Family

Session: 90 minutes

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AIMS

- To educate parents, carers and family members about how gangs work; focusing on how they recruit, groom and exploit children.
- Provide the appropriate tools for parents/carers to prevent children becoming victims of violence and exploitation.
- Assist parents/carers to understand the consequences of a young person choosing to carry a weapon.
- To highlight the concept of exposing others online and how offline activity that may be coercive or even criminal can be linked to the threat of being exposed.
- Highlight how online privacy is challenging and the over sharing information about yourself with the wrong people can lead to issues.
- To raise awareness of how gangs promote and brand themselves on social media and the risks social media poses to all young people.

OBJECTIVES

- Identify the risk factors that may indicate a young person is involved in gangs and gang culture.
- Identify why a young person wishes to join a gang and the 'push' and 'pull' factors of gang association.
- Identify the sensitive issues relating to social media, grooming, cyberbullying, gaming and the sending of inappropriate images.
- Promote the use of critical thinking and careful thought for children in their online decision-making.
- To promote active parental engagement, boundary setting and the importance of collaboration between families, schools and communities.
- To highlight referral pathways for young people affected by gang association and increase knowledge of the available support organisations that exist.