

8th September 2009

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you that on Thursday all our Year 6 pupils will begin to follow an exciting ten week programme in school time called **DARE**.



DARE is a programme which aims to help children and young people acquire and use the knowledge, understanding and skills that equip them to live safe, healthy and productive lives in a world where drugs are commonplace. The programme addresses issues including drugs, violence, tobacco, alcohol and other harmful substances, and promotes safe and healthy living. It aims to help the children develop a sense of responsibility and acquire the skills to identify and deal positively with peer pressure.

DARE works in local partnerships with Local Education Authorities, Drug & Alcohol Action Teams, Health Authorities and Police. It is delivered by Dare Officer Cross.

Your support is also important. Upon completion of the DARE curriculum, all Year 6 children will participate in a special graduation. We will provide you with information about this and an invitation to attend nearer the time.

In order to be eligible for the DARE graduation celebration and to earn a DARE certificate, the children will be expected to complete a variety of tasks and take an active part in the programme.

In previous years this has proved to be a positive, helpful experience for the children, and we are looking forward to involving every child and helping to equip them for a drug-free future.

We hope you will take an interest in this programme, talking to your child about what they have done, looking at their DARE booklet and supporting any DARE homework which is given.

If you have any questions about the programme please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Robins
Headteacher