



Brine Leas School

An Academy

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November 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: RESPECT Programme

I am writing to inform you about an opportunity that has recently arisen for your child to participate in the 8 week course called the RESPECT programme. The RESPECT (Reducing Exclusion Starting Positive Engagement with Children Together) is based on Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's experience of working with young people during the past decade.

The programme is aimed at young people between 11 and 16 who may be experiencing difficulties in engaging with school or their peers. They may have low self-esteem or lack confidence, or possibly display anti-social behaviour both in school and in the community.

RESPECT is led by Youth Engagement staff and firefighters on each station to share their expertise and who are seen as strong, positive and caring role models. In addition, it engages with partners such as Cheshire Constabulary to break down barriers between the community and young people.

RESPECT participants are encouraged to:

- Adopt a new set of values.
- Work co-operatively with others.
- Develop confidence and self esteem
- Improve communication and social skills
- Change attitudes and modify behaviour

The course will commence on Thursday 2nd February 2017, the will run every Thursday from 9:00am- 2:30pm where students are asked to meet at school for 9:00am to be ready to walk to the Fire Station for 9:15am. Students will be accompanied by myself and the lead instructor and if catching a bus home will be walked back to school in time for the end of the day. Please note: **Students are free to leave at 2:30pm and are not required to be back at school, therefore they can either make their own way home or you can collect them from the Fire Station. Please state your option on the permission slip attached.**

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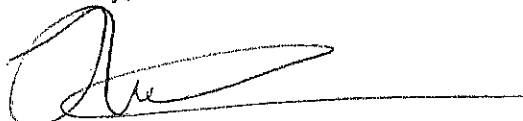
Students are required to bring a packed lunch with them and there is a facility to warm items up if required. If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals, a packed lunch can be provided by the school canteen. If you would like your child to receive a packed lunch please confirm on the permission slip attached. Please be advised that energy drinks are not permitted on the course.

After completing the eight week course involving many different activities and challenges the young people are presented with certificates at a special graduation ceremony, demonstrating the different activities they have been involved in throughout the course. The ceremony is for the participants, their families, teachers and other professionals where a review of the course is presented followed by the participants proudly demonstrating their practical skills they have developed.

If you would like your child to take part in the RESPECT course please complete the consent form attached that is supplied to us by the Fire Service and also the permission slip below. Please can you return these along with the completed Form C to school as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Linde
Behaviour Support Team Leader
JLE/SJ/ACE

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Permission Slip – RESPECT Programme – Mr Linde

I give permission for my child
Progress Group..... to attend the RESPECT programme starting on
Thursday 2nd February 2017 and I am aware that my child will be walking to
Nantwich with two members of staff and that they are allowed to leave at 2.30pm.

- I shall be providing my child with a packed lunch.
- My child is eligible for Free School Meals and will require a packed lunch.
- My child is eligible for Free School Meals but will not require a packed lunch.
- I have enclosed the completed Form C.
- My child will make their own way home.
- I will collect my child from the Fire Station.