

15th June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Child Sexual Exploitation: Invitation to public awareness event

Child sexual exploitation is something we are all hearing about more and more in the news. As parents and carers we often think we know what is happening with our children, what they are doing and who their friends are - but sometimes that is not the case.

Sexual exploitation can often be secretive. The abusers are manipulative and young people often don't realise what is happening to them until it's too late, and they may not even think that what is happening is wrong.

We're holding an **information event** for parents and carers of secondary school children, members of the public and community leaders at Cressex School on:

Date 23rd June 2016 7-8.30pm

The event is an opportunity for you to find out what sexual exploitation is, how to spot the signs, how to support your child and how to report it and stop it. We will also share information on the top websites and apps young people are using and how you can keep up to date with this!

You will be able to talk directly with our partners across Buckinghamshire who are working together to raise awareness of CSE, including Bucks County Council Social Care, District Council, Thames Valley Police, Youth Service and Barnardo's R U Safe?

Please email communications@buckscc.gov.uk to let us know if you can make it - or just turn up on the night.

If you can't make the event and want to find out more about child sexual exploitation you can visit www.ruwise2it.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Yours faithfully



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