

28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**RE: Trip to Middlemoor Police HQ - Techniques for Interviewing Children – Year 4**

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you of a trip to Middlemoor, the Police HQ, that your child has been selected to go on where they will have an opportunity to use the swimming pool and be involved in a training course for 'the techniques for interviewing children'. This trip is taking place **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**.

The Devon and Cornwall Police run a training scheme whereby officers are being taught how to establish a professional rapport with children and how to interview children. With respect to this, we take each year children on a trip to Middlemoor where as part of the day's visit they are part of this training programme. Each year the children benefit massively from this visit and come home having really enjoyed it.

The scheme is being organised and run by professional officers from Social Services and the Police Force. The children will be asked to watch a very basic video and will then be interviewed about what they can remember. I am assured that no sensitive or personal issues will be part of the course when children are present.

The children will spend most of the day at Middlemoor Police Headquarters as their guests; they will be provided with refreshments and lunch. Please could you ensure that your child brings their swimming kit and a towel to school on the 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Transport to and from Middlemoor will be provided and the children will be back at school before 3.00pm. This activity is covered by the general consent form. Please contact the Year 4 teachers should you have any further questions; Dale Lawson [dlawson@bcps.org.uk](mailto:dlawson@bcps.org.uk) and Sammi Pearson [spearson@bcps.org.uk](mailto:spearson@bcps.org.uk)

A member of the school staff will be with the children during the day.

Yours sincerely,



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