



Ashley Infant School

2nd February 2018



Ashley Junior School

Dear Parents,

We are taking the unusual step of jointly writing to you regarding a very important matter. In the past few weeks, it has come to our attention that our children and families are being put at very serious risk due to the increasing amount of drug related incidents in our community. You may have also heard about this through the local media.

Whilst we don't want to frighten parents or scaremonger, we feel it is our duty to make you aware of this issue, which is affecting children as young as 11 years old. Both schools have liaised closely with local police who are working hard to eradicate these problems.

We think it is important to raise and discuss this serious issue and to support you as parents. Therefore we are holding a meeting which will be hosted by Gary Clarke from Hampshire Constabulary and ourselves on **Monday 19th February at 6.30pm** at **Ashley Infant school**. The purpose of this meeting is to inform you as parents regarding :

- The current dangers facing our children and teenagers in this area regarding drugs
- The signs to look out for
- Information about what types of drugs are in use, what they look like and the effects they induce
- What parents should do if they suspect criminal activity by their children or others
- How parents can protect their children
- How parents can help as part of the community to stamp out drugs and dealing.

There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

We would urge you to attend this important meeting. We hope that by informing parents of primary school aged children we can help prevent difficulties as your children become more independent. For those of you who have difficulties finding childcare we will provide a DVD room on the night that will be supervised by a member of staff. There will be refreshments provided on the night.

Please may we request that you return the slip below to confirm your attendance.

Yours sincerely

S.E. Dibben

Ian Rix

Mrs Sarah Dibben and Mr Ian Rix

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I / we will be attending the drug awareness meeting on Monday 19th February at 6.30pm and will require _____ seats.

_____ no of children will be coming to the DVD room