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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Norfolk Constabulary: Hate Crime Awareness Webinar for Year 5

We are writing to inform you that Year 5 students will be participating in a webinar for **Hate Crime Awareness Week**. This will take place at school on **Thursday 17th October** and will include a webinar presented by **Norfolk Constabulary's Youth Engagement Team** alongside a Safer Schools Police Officer.

The webinar has been specifically designed for Year 5 students as it introduces the concept of the **age of criminal responsibility**, which is 10 years old. This makes the content highly relevant and suitable for this age group.

The webinar will cover important topics such as:

- The meaning of the age of criminal responsibility and what it entails.
- Examples of behaviors that could result in criminal charges, such as theft or verbal abuse.
- What constitutes a crime and specifically a **hate crime**, which is a crime committed against someone due to their race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or transgender identity.
- The consequences of hate crimes, including the more severe punishments that apply when these crimes occur.

Students will also be shown a **Newsround video** explaining the 2024 UK riots in a child-friendly way, and will have the opportunity to engage with fictional scenarios where they will learn to identify hate crimes.

The assembly aims to foster respect for others and emphasise the importance of understanding that what might seem like "banter" to one person could be deeply hurtful to another. We encourage students to think before they speak and to always strive to treat others with kindness and consideration.

While we encourage all children to participate in this event, if you prefer that your child does not take part, please inform the office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Bugg
Head of Schools