



Dear Parents and Carers,

Joint Redhill & Reigate Schools and Surrey Police Drugs Education Partnership

As schools in Redhill and Reigate, we are jointly writing to all parents and carers at our schools to give you information about a joint initiative that we will all be undertaking with Surrey police. During the next term, each of our schools will be visited by a dog handler with a passive drugs dog. They will patrol outside the school gates with the aim of not 'catching' or 'arresting' any students but to send a clear message to potential gangs looking to 'recruit' students (for example as part of 'county lines') and to offer support and guidance to those students who the dog indicates may have been in the presence of drugs.

The objective of these patrols is diversionary rather than looking to criminalise children and this will be supported by amnesty bins and warnings in advance stating the week of this activity.

Should the drugs dog indicate that your child has been in the presence of drugs, you will be receiving a letter home outlining why drugs may have been identified on them and given information about further sources of support.

As a group of schools in the borough, we endorse this proactive approach to a growing drug problem in the area.

Should you require any further information about this, please contact the Designated Safeguard Lead in your child's school using the email address: safeguarding@gatton-park.org.uk.