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Dear Parent/Guardian

Gangs – County Lines – Knife Crime - Free Workshops – The Ben Kinsella Trust, Parents and Carers Online Training

The Ben Kinsella Trust, a charity dedicated to preventing knife crime, is offering FREE workshops for parents and carers via Zoom on Thursday 16 and Thursday 23 November between 7:00 – 9:00pm.

The Ben Kinsella Trust Parents and Carer Workshops: *Essential Knowledge for Keeping Your Children Safe.*

Following recent tragic events, such as the murder of 13-year-old Olly Stephens, our son, close to our family home in Reading in 2021, many parents and carers are understandably concerned about the safety of the children in their care.

The workshops will be led by experts from The Ben Kinsella Trust and will provide parents and carers with the knowledge and tools they need to keep their children safe.

Why are these workshops so important? Exploitation, Gangs and Knife crime are complex issues, and there is no easy solution. However, one of the most important things that parents and carers can do is to talk to their children about them. By talking to their children about these issues, parents can help them to understand the risks and make informed choices.

The Ben Kinsella Trust's workshops will provide parents and carers with the knowledge and confidence they need to have these important conversations. The workshops will also help parents to identify the warning signs that their child may be at risk of exploitation, gangs, or involvement in knife crime, and what to do if they are concerned.

Who should attend these workshops?

The Ben Kinsella Trust's workshops are open to ALL parents and carers, regardless of their background or experience. The workshops are particularly relevant to parents and carers of young people aged 10 - 18, but parents and carers of younger children are also welcome to attend. They are also relevant for anyone who supports young people in any role.

How to sign up for a workshop

To sign up for The Ben Kinsella Trust workshops, please click the link below. Spaces are limited, so please book early.

<https://benkinsella.org.uk/parents-carers-workshops/>

Should you have any concerns about your child being involved in county lines or knife crime please do get in contact with myself or another member of the safeguarding team.

Yours sincerely



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