Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to the rise in knife crime and anti-social behaviour amongst young people we have decided it is hugely important to make our children aware of making positive choices and keeping themselves safe. We have been given a fantastic opportunity to have Alison Cope come into school on **Wednesday 12th June at 2.15pm** to deliver a workshop for Year 5 & 6 children and their parents.

**Alison Cope is the mother of Joshua Ribera who was murdered in 2013. Since Joshua's death Alison has worked tirelessly to share her son's life and death story to educate young people about the real consequences of youth violence.**

**With her and Josh's compelling story coupled with her unique ability to connect with young people she regularly visits schools, prisons and alternative education provisions nationally, reaching 1000's of young people and changing lives.**

Anti-knife campaigner Alison Cope has helped to safeguard over a quarter million young people throughout mainstream schools, pupil referral units, colleges, universities, prisons, alternative providers and youth services with her deeply moving and poignant message of anti-violence and positive life choices.

“I pledge to help safeguard young people and help improve their resilience by educating them on positive life choices and the consequences of violence.” - Alison Cope

We believe this will be a fantastic opportunity for parents to come and support their children as Alison shares from her heart about the importance of tackling Knife Crime and helping children to keep safe and make wise choices. Due to the nature of the topic, we feel parents involvement in supporting the messages Alison shares is crucial and so we would be so grateful if you were able to join us for this workshop.

We really hope you are able to join us on **Wednesday 12th June at 2.15pm** for this important workshop. Please could you complete and return the slip below by Monday 10th June.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rothwell

Head Teacher

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**YEAR 5&6 KNIFE CRIME WORKSHOP ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE AT 2:15PM**

Name of Child ____________________________ Class ____________________________

I/We **will** be attending the workshop [ ] I / We **won’t** be attending the workshop [ ]