



Singlewell School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

17th May 2023

We are planning to take the children to Maidstone Police College for their 'Safer Schools' open day. This school visit is designed to promote the vital and diverse role of policing across the county, from training officers through to receiving and responding to emergency calls. It will also highlight how the Police work with partners to deal with crime and disorder, protect the public from harm, and keep Kent safe. The date will be **Monday 3rd July 2023.**

"We are building many of our stands and exhibits around the developmental and transitional needs of year six students as they head towards secondary education. We will have a large range of interactive displays that will seek to engage these children around some of the key challenges they may face as they move into their next stage of development. These will include online safety, road safety, alcohol and drug awareness, as well as:

- Live demonstrations from our police dogs and their handlers*
- A fly-by from the National Police Service helicopter*
- A visit to our 'street scene' (a real-scale street with houses and shops where officers are trained) where you can search for evidence with our crime scene investigators*
- A staff safety display in our training hall, showing how officers safely deal with offenders*
- A visit to our firearms range, with displays showing how to tell a real gun from an imitation and the risks of joining gangs*
- Crime prevention stalls with information to help you stay safe out and about and online*
- A demonstration of our Control Room (where we take emergency 999 calls) to see how our operators dispatch officers in the event of an emergency, and Why never to make hoax calls to the emergency services*
- A visit to a custody suite and the chance to sit inside a cell*
- Lots of emergency service vehicles (which children can sit on or go inside) including police, fire, ambulance and search and rescue vehicles*

The children will need to arrive at school promptly as we will be leaving at 9.10am and returning to school for the usual departure time of 3.05pm. The children will need a packed lunch and water bottle and **must** wear their school uniform along with sensible walking shoes.

This will be an invaluable experience, not to be missed and will be something for the children to look forward to.

The cost of the trip is £12 per child. We would appreciate payment **by Friday 24th June 2022.** This trip can only go ahead once all payments are made, otherwise we will unfortunately have to cancel the trip.

Please complete the consent form below and return it to your child's class teacher after making your payment online at

www.scopay.com/singlewellprimary.

Please do not use American Express payment cards due to the high charges incurred.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs K Olaide and Miss E Watson
Year 6 Class Teachers