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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please may I bring to your attention a concern that has been raised in relation to activity in the local area.

It has come to our attention that the new skatepark in Hook has been experiencing some suspicious activity, linked to County Lines, with them actively recruiting children. This means they may potentially be recruiting children from Mayhill. With this in mind I felt it pertinent to raise this with you in order to inform you, and to assist in the safeguarding of the children. Although, many of our pupils live in Odiham, we know a number also live in Hook, and that many pupils from school are using the skatepark due to it being such a fabulous resource in the local area. However, it has been reported that junior age children have been approached and offered brand new scooters in return for 'doing jobs' for them. These being potentially, adults or teenagers who are approaching.

We are asking for your support in **reporting to the police on 111**, any concerns or activities you might see and are a cause of concern to you as a parent or carer. Indeed, if you know of any particular children that this may refer to, we ask you to report these concerns to Hampshire Children's Services on 0300 555 1384 or to come and confidentially share with a safeguarding lead here at Mayhill.

We will be speaking to the children in school about the need to ensure that they are safeguarding themselves and to ensure that they know who they can turn to, for support if they have a worry or concern. Whilst, we know that this does not apply to all, we feel it is best to be open and honest in our communication with you and thank you for your understanding in why we have taken the time to contact you all.

Please know, that we are not wishing for this to be alarmist or to create anxiety. May I thank you all for your support and vigilance in working with us to safeguard all children at Mayhill Junior School.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah McGillivray

Headteacher

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