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Dear Parent/Carer

Driver Awareness Workshop

I would like to inform you about an event we have organised for Year 13 students to help prepare them for the adult world and staying safe. The '2fast2soon' Young Drivers Education Programme, which is organised by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, will take place in Carre's Grammar School Sports Hall on Wednesday 12 December in the afternoon.

Drivers aged 17-19 make up 1.5% of UK licence holders, but are involved in 12% of fatal and serious crashes. Statistics suggest that one in four drivers crash in the first two years after passing the test, and road accidents are the leading cause of death for this age group. With this in mind we felt it was essential that we did something to raise awareness of the risks to young drivers and their passengers.

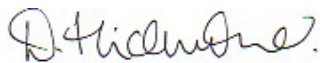
The purpose of the event is to:

- Raise awareness of the immediate and long term consequences associated with poor road user behaviour and decision making.
- To establish improved decision making to enhance safety as a road user.
- To identify factors associated with risks, consequences, peer pressure and effects on the family.

There will be a drama, based on a real-life story of a teenage driver, followed by an interactive workshop. Following on from the workshop students will receive information about further driver training that can be undertaken following their driving test.

I hope you will agree that these opportunities will be very valuable for your son/daughter, and encourage them to attend. The drama is very realistic and is based around a road traffic event involving a young person and the resulting consequences. **We are very aware that some students might, as a result of personal circumstances, find this difficult and emotionally distressing. If you feel that this might be the case please ask your son / daughter to let either me, Mrs Edwards or Mr Smith know in advance of the event if they decide not to attend. We will deal with all students with sensitivity on this matter.**

Yours faithfully



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