

Our Ref: Safeguarding

21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Dear Parent/ Guardian

**Re: Channel 4 Film - 'Britain's Child Drug Runners'**

On 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Channel 4 aired a documentary film 'Britain's Child Drug Runners'. The film tells incredible stories and showcases the challenges that professionals and parents/carers face when dealing with this epidemic. As well as hearing from professionals working alongside them, children relay their own experiences having found themselves in a world they are desperate to leave.

When policing teenage drug dealing it can be hard to see the children as victims, this film shows the children are victims desperately trapped in a life that they hate. Children as young as seven are being groomed to sell drugs for 'County Lines' drugs gangs in towns and villages all over the UK.

Whilst the film does show some upsetting scenes, we would encourage you to view it if you can via Channel 4 Catch-up <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/britains-child-drug-runners/on-demand/68368-001> .

If you are experiencing any such issues or you're concerned about your (or another) child please contact the school and speak with one of our safeguarding leads.

The school's safeguarding policy can be found on our website.  
<http://dustonschool.ng2.devwebsite.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=807&type=pdf>

Yours faithfully



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