



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

*'Learning Together For The Future'*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Ecclesbourne School are pleased to announce they will be supporting the “I Can, I Will” Bystander Programme. This is going to be delivered by the Safe and Sound Derbyshire charity. This workshop is being offered free to schools that have previously worked with the local charity on fund raising events etc.

Serious violence has been on the increase in communities in Derby and Derbyshire. The Safe and Sound charity are working with schools, police, and local authorities to address this through a whole school approach to preventing and reducing such violence.

The Bystander programme will be offered to all Year 7-9 students. It will initially be a one-hour session delivered by the charity and then there will be follow up activities delivered in school during PDC and assemblies. The first sessions will take place the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> June.

The Bystander workshop aims to increase confidence, educate and support your child with practical ways to safely be part of the solution in their community and with their peers. The workshop will include topics such as ‘What is a Bystander’, ‘Passive and Active Bystanders’ and ‘How young people can keep themselves safe whilst out and about in the community’.

There will be members of the pastoral staff present in each session should students need any support. If you would like further information or want to discuss a concern you may have then please do not hesitate to contact myself on **[courabi@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:courabi@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk)** or 01332 843274.

Yours sincerely,

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