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Dear Parents/Guardians

## Safe Drive Stay Alive Roadshow at Sarum Academy, Salisbury

## Wednesday 9 October 2019 - Year 13

The school is working with The Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership to educate Wiltshire students about their actions and possible consequences as drivers or motorcycle riders.

We recognise there is perhaps no time more worrying for parents than as their children begin to become drivers, and for good reason. It's a tragic fact that young drivers are statistically very much the most at risk. As a combined response, The Safety Partnership has developed a successful roadshow which is now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year. It is an extremely powerful and emotional experience called 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' and runs to a tried, tested and proven formula. Feedback evidences that this really is a very effective experience for young people.

Each show traces the events leading up to a road traffic collision and shows how the emergency services deal with the aftermath. If your child knows personally of somebody who has been killed or seriously injured in a Road Traffic Collision, this presentation is likely to remind them of the event and associated emotions. If this is the case then careful consideration should be given to their attendance.

This is a powerful and emotional initiative that brings home the very real message of the consequences of poor driving behaviour on the road. The shows have been designed to make young people aware of their responsibilities for their actions on the road and the potentially lethal results of failing to drive responsibly.

Accordingly, arrangements have been made for your son to attend the Safe Drive Stay Alive Roadshow, to be held at Sarum Academy, Salisbury on Wednesday 9 October. The event is free of charge.

Your son will attend normal morning lessons on Wednesday and will need to make their own way to Sarum Academy during their lunch break. They should allow at least 30 minutes for the walk. Registration will take place outside Reception at Sarum Academy at 1.00pm. Mrs Gough and Mrs Stoneham will be present. The Roadshow is expected to last no more than 90 minutes and pupils are then free to make their own way home.

Please do contact me at School if you require any further information or guidance. Also, if you **do not** want your son to attend the roadshow then please email sls@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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