

Avon and Somerset Police
Portishead, Police Headquarters
Valley Road
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Dear Parent/Guardian

Invitation to the Mini Police Programme

We are pleased to announce that your child's school has been selected to take part in Mini Police. Mini Police is an exciting, interactive, voluntary opportunity for children aged 8 to 11 years old. The programme is delivered over nine weeks, and the aim is to introduce children to a positive experience of policing and to get them involved in the local community.

Your child has been invited to apply to be part of the Mini Police Programme. The activities will usually take place during school time and they will be expected to talk to the rest of their year group about what they learn.

In recent years the Mini Police Officers across Avon & Somerset have been involved in learning about online safety and water safety. They have learnt about the police and undertaken activities such as litter picking and speed awareness. They have made links with local residential homes, have sung carols at Christmas and raised money for local charities.

They have also enjoyed events at Police HQ and visits to specialist departments such as the Avon & Somerset Police Mounted Section, as well as going to the Avon & Somerset Police Emergency services open day.

I am writing to seek your consent for your child to participate in this programme. Please find attached to this letter a consent form.

As part of the events that are run during the Mini Police Programme, photographs and other digital recordings may be taken and used (please see the attached sheet for more information regarding this). Please consider if you are happy for your child's photograph/image to be taken in connection with the Mini Police Programme and used in the subsequent promotion and demonstration of the benefits thereof and sign the consent form attached as appropriate.

Please return the consent form to your child's teacher.

If you have any questions regarding the Mini Police programme please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher.

Yours Sincerely

Sarah

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Consent to join the Mini Police Programme

I, [insert parent/guardian name] as the Parent/Guardian hereby give my permission for [name of child] to join the Mini Police Programme.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Date

Consent for photos/images to be taken and used on social media

To comply with data protection and confidentiality regulations, it is necessary for us to obtain written consent that we can use photographs and videos that may feature your child in publications. You should only agree to us using your photograph/video if you feel completely happy with us doing so and you are under no pressure or obligation to sign this consent form.

How we may use your photograph/video:

We will use your photograph/video to publicise or reflect on events, in newspaper articles, magazines and other media such as websites, social media, information leaflets, electronic newsletters, speeches and presentations.

You can contact Sarah Cryer, Volunteer Programme Manager (Youth Programmes) using the contact details on the attached letter, at any point and ask us to not use your photograph/video for any new purposes.

Remember that once an article is published and in circulation (especially online) it may be copied and used by others. If, at any stage in the future, you ask us not to use the photograph/video we will comply with your request and will do our best to stop others doing so, but we cannot guarantee this.

Please complete as appropriate:

I, [insert parent/guardian name] give/do not give* permission for [name of child] to have their photograph/image taken in connection with the Mini Police Programme and used for the subsequent promotion and demonstration of the benefits thereof.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Date

By signing this consent form, I agree and understand that my photograph/video including my child's image will be stored by Avon & Somerset Police for a maximum of three years, at which point it will be deleted. These images will be retained in line with our privacy notice which is available on the Avon & Somerset Police website - <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/help/privacy/privacy-notice/>