



# Clacton County High School

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Our Ref: DYL/LND



## Lads Need Dads

7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We write to inform you about a male-led group mentoring programme called 'Equip', which is to take place at Clacton County High School between February and July 2019. Equip provides boys age 11-15 with absent fathers or limited access to a positive male role model, the opportunity to participate in weekly group-work sessions with other boys, which will be overseen by male volunteer mentors. The sessions follow a curriculum designed to help teenage boys cope with typical problems and issues faced at home and school, and bring awareness to the important choices all boys face in their adolescent development. The programme also includes bush-craft survival training and outdoor activities, which will take place three times, over the course of the school holidays.

All mentors are carefully selected, screened and DBS checked. The mentors will help facilitate group discussion and act as an adult role model and source of support and encouragement. The activities between boys and their mentors will be closely monitored and structured by the Programme Manager in charge of the programme.

If you feel that your child would benefit from participating in this programme and having access to positive male adult role models, then please talk about it with him. If he is comfortable with the idea of being involved in a group-mentoring programme such as this, please complete the enclosed expression of interest form, together with a signed and completed consent form and return it to the school by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Places on the programme are very limited, therefore we encourage you to provide as much information about your child's situation as you can and return it by the deadline. If your child is selected for an assessment, we will be in touch again with further details.

This is a generic communication, which has been sent to all parents/carers of male children in the appropriate year group.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Fennell-Doyle  
Director of Pastoral Care



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### Parental/Guardian Permission form

I give permission for my child to be assessed for the Equip Programme starting in February 2019. I give permission for my child's school records to be shared with the Programme Manager and mentors in order to best support my child's development.

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Child's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: Clacton County High School



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### Equip Programme - Expression of interest Form

To enable us to consider your interest it would assist us if you can provide more details about your child's situation. Please would you complete the boxes below and send this form, together with the signed consent form to Mrs C Fennell-Doyle.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Name of child:

Age / D.O.B:

School attended: Clacton County High School

How often does your son see his father?

If never, when was the last time he saw him approximately?

Does your child have a step-dad living at home or a male who takes the role of a father?

Does your son engage in any clubs outside of school? YES / NO. If yes, please provide details below:

Does your son have any siblings and do they live at home? Please provide details of ages and gender.

In birth order, where does your son fit amongst his siblings, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> born, youngest etc.

Please give details of any male family members or significant males in your son's life that he sees regularly, who has a positive influence. (this might be a partner, a neighbour, family friend etc).

What concerns, if any, do you have currently about your child?