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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Introduction to our new Character Development & Leadership Programme**

We are delighted to share some exciting news with you. Over the coming weeks, Linaker Primary School will be working in partnership with The UK Military School (UKMS) to deliver an inspiring leadership and life-skills project for our pupils.

The UK Military School is an educational organisation that specialises in developing young people's character, confidence and leadership skills through engaging, structured and values-based programmes. Working with schools across the UK, UKMS focuses on preparing children for the challenges of modern life by equipping them with the essential skills they need to succeed – both inside and outside the classroom.

The weekly Monday sessions will be highly engaging, practical and fast-paced, designed to capture pupils' interest and enthusiasm from the moment they begin. Children will take part in hands-on activities, team challenges and interactive scenarios that encourage participation, movement and problem-solving. The sessions are intentionally fun and energetic, and we are confident that pupils will look forward to their weekly activities as a highlight of the school week. This term 5JC will take part for the spring term. On Mondays all children should attend school in PE kit including black jogging or tracksuit bottoms their school jumper or plain black tracksuit top. The sessions will be predominately based outside.

Through these age-appropriate sessions, pupils will have the opportunity to:

- Develop leadership and teamwork skills
- Build confidence, resilience and self-belief
- Set personal goals and learn how to work towards them
- Make positive choices and take responsibility
- Embrace challenge, perseverance and determination

The sessions are inspired by positive values, such as discipline, respect, teamwork and integrity, delivered in an inclusive and supportive way. The focus is always on encouragement, enjoyment and personal development, ensuring every child feels valued, motivated and supported.

We believe this project offers a fantastic opportunity for our Year 5 children to experience something new, develop important life skills from a young age, and grow in confidence as they prepare for the journey ahead.



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If you have any questions or would like further information about the project, please do not hesitate to contact the school using the details provided.

Thank you for your continued support.

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