

Safeguarding Bulletin

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has used thinkpink@lvc.org to report a safeguarding concern to us. It is reassuring to see parents and carers communicating with us to ensure that our community is safe.

We advise parents/carers to always err on the side of caution and contact us with anything that concerns them about an individual student or group of students. It is this collaborative approach to safeguarding that we actively encourage to ensure that students are safe.

Shahla Matarazzo

Strangers Approaching Students in Linton

Unfortunately, this term there have been some concerns raised with us about strangers approaching students on the recreational ground, skate park and High Street in Linton. Please remind your children to be careful in these areas and vigilant about who they interact with.

If your child shares any concerns with you, please report it to the Police. This can be done by calling 101 or using the Police online reporting system as follows (you will need to select the county where the incident has taken place):

[Cambridgeshire](#)

[Essex](#)

[Suffolk](#)

Knife Crime

Cambridgeshire Police offer advice and information to help prevent knife and gun crime and educate members of the public. There is a useful guide for parents and carers on their website to support conversations about this subject matter.

One of the challenges that we face as a community is how knife crime can be glamorised by online games. For more information, please follow this [link](#).

Feeling Concerned About Someone's Safety?

The College Safeguarding Team will not be available during the Christmas break therefore to report a crime:

- in an emergency, contact the Police, call 999;
- if the person is not in immediate danger, contact the Police, call 101.

Mental Health Support

Some students receive regular support in school for their mental health therefore any school closure can provide additional challenges as lead professionals are not available. Please see below for some useful signposting on mental health services.

Signposting for Mental Health Support

Kooth www.kooth.com

Young Minds www.youngminds.org.uk

Mind www.mind.org.uk



E-Safety

If your child or children receive new devices over the festive period, please ensure that appropriate parental controls, settings and discussion takes place to ensure that they are safe online.

We would also like to bring to your attention that sometimes we see inappropriate communication between students on WhatsApp groups and via Snapchat that causes problems in school. Unfortunately, due to messages and pictures sent on Snapchat quickly becoming inaccessible, we find that students are more likely to take risks.

We would like to wish all of our families a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.