

Safeguarding Bulletin

Thank you to our parents and carers from the safeguarding team

We would like to thank all parents and carers for working with us to keep our students safe. Many parents and carers have communicated with us to raise safeguarding concerns about something that has made them feel uncomfortable. Each one of these concerns has been very sensitively investigated by the safeguarding team and the parents and carers of those *at risk* have been contacted by us. This has often led to students receiving further education on emerging themes and topics. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing and safe summer.

The College Safeguarding Team.

Vaping Vigilance

Please continue to be vigilant for vaping paraphernalia. As we have previously communicated, vapes are being marketed in very clever and divisive ways such as stationery items and air pods. We believe that there are some adults locally who are supplying young people with vapes.



County Lines

Please be aware of the dangers of young people being coerced into county lines both off and online. County lines gangs are highly organised criminal networks that use sophisticated, and frequently evolving techniques to groom young people and evade capture by the police. Dedicated mobile phone lines or 'deal lines' are used to help facilitate county lines drugs deals. Phones used are usually cheap, disposable and old fashioned, because they are changed frequently to avoid detection by the police. Phrases that young people may use to describe county lines include: 'running a line'; 'going OT/out there'; 'going country' and 'going cunch'.

Feeling Concerned About Someone's Safety?

The College Safeguarding Team will not be available during the summer 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.

Please remember that anyone can make a referral to social care however this will need to be done by, ideally, selecting the correct county where the alleged victim lives. This can easily be done online via the following online links:

For **Cambridgeshire**, click [here](#)

For **Suffolk**, click [here](#)

For **Essex**, click [here](#)

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. All lead professionals have been working alongside their students to provide them with coping strategies furthermore they have provided them with the most appropriate signposting. Please see below for some useful signposting on mental health services; many of these websites also have links specifically for parents and carers.

Signposting for Mental Health Support

Kooth www.kooth.com

Young Minds www.youngminds.org.uk

Mind www.mind.org.uk

Anna Freud www.annafreud.org

