

# Safeguarding Bulletin 2022-2023

SPRING TERM EDITION 3

## Welcome and introduction

I would like to thank all parents/carers who have shared information with the College safeguarding team this half term. Everything that is reported to us is carefully considered and additional safety measures are put into place where appropriate. Furthermore, where negative behaviour has taken place *outside* school and could impact on the College community, the safeguarding team will also respond to concerns. If the safeguarding team is made aware of anything that pertains to criminal activity, a referral is always made to the police (parents/carers would be informed of this action). We recommend that parents/carers make a direct referral to the police should anything of a criminal nature be of concern outside the College.

To contact us, please email: [thinkpink@lintonvc.org](mailto:thinkpink@lintonvc.org)  
Mrs Matarazzo, Deputy Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Making a referral to social care

Anyone can make a referral to social care. Ideally, this should be done via the county that the referee lives in. If this is unknown, the county of the referrer should be used.

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

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

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

In an emergency, please dial 999 or to speak to the localised police, dial 101.

## Features and Updates

This edition of the Safeguarding Bulletin features: information about **healthy relationships** and Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Awareness week. It also includes an update on the College's **mental health and wellbeing approach**.



## Healthy Relationships Working Party Update

The Healthy Relationships Working Party is a group of staff who have come together to focus on how we can further promote respectful behaviour within the College community. The working party liaise with the behaviour and safeguarding teams in the College to ensure that emerging patterns and trends are addressed with students. At present, their focus is prejudicial behaviour and specifically, prejudicial language. The working party aim to raise awareness of an inclusive culture within the school using a range of different activities. This group of colleagues will communicate regularly with parents/carers in order to further support their work.

## Safeguarding based assemblies this half term

This half term's assembly calendar has included presentations to students on: prejudice-based behaviour; safer internet day and children's mental health awareness. Furthermore, Y9 – Y11 have also had an assembly on knife crime. This year's safer internet day and children's mental health awareness campaigns have focused on the importance of connection with straplines of *Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online* and *Let's Connect*. The theme *Connection* will be further discussed after half term in the tutor time programme.

## Mental Health/Wellbeing Support Update

We have now completed two forums with male students to discuss mental health and how LVC can encourage engagement from the male members of our community. Some of the students discussed the embarrassment of having to go into the support hub, we have three ways of contacting the support hub without having to go there.

1. There is a self-referral form on the LVC website for any student to use, it is under the mental health banner
2. Any student, can ask any staff member, to refer them to the well-being services
3. Attend a lunchtime drop-in. Following the male student forum, the Friday drop-in has been changed to appointment only to allow for privacy. These appointments can be booked via [shayes@lintonvc.org](mailto:shayes@lintonvc.org)

We will also be sending a short presentation to every tutor group to clarify the well-being services available at LVC. We want every student to feel comfortable seeking support, there will be no judgement or embarrassment for anybody who wants to use the well-being services. The second initiative, the panel suggested, was holding an all-male forum once every half term. This will be implemented, and students selected at random, to encourage a cross section of perspectives. The panel suggested that a male staff member attend the forums to support the male viewpoint. We are delighted to confirm that Mr Barton and Mr Palmer will be joining the forums.