

Safeguarding Bulletin 2024-2025

SPRING TERM EDITION 4

Welcome and introduction

This half term we have continued to work with our young people through several channels; an assembly that explained the consequences for students who bully, the sharing of feedback from the student survey, tutor time debate and discussion around safeguarding and how it links with PSHE.

We have put anti-bullying in the spotlight this half term; delivering training for all our staff and conducting an assembly to all year groups that responded to perceptions from some students as to how bullying is dealt with at Linton Village College.

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers who have contacted the safeguarding team to raise concerns. Everything raised with us is followed up and, where appropriate, we liaise with external agencies.

To contact us, please email: thinkpink@lintonvc.org

The College Safeguarding Team

Features and Updates

This edition of the Safeguarding Bulletin features information about our **approaches to Anti-Bullying and a reminder to parents about e-safety**. There is also an update on **Mental Health and Wellbeing Support**.

Mental Health/Wellbeing Support Update

The Wellbeing Hub continues to provide a valuable, calm space where students from all year groups can relax and enjoy a variety of activities – yoga, knitting and crochet, art projects and music appreciation.

This space is very popular and students appreciate the peaceful atmosphere.

Mrs Hill works with students on a variety of mental health and wellbeing issues. Students are also supported in-school by Tutors, Heads of Year, Centre 33 (Mental Health Practitioner) and Creative Mindset – an outside agency who provide another layer of support.

Tier 1 – Tutor intervention and could include friendship issues, home learning, unkindness between peers

Tier 2 – Wellbeing mentor and could include self-harm, self-esteem, anxiety, relationship issues

Tier 3 – Centre 33 counselling to support students with more complex needs.

Students and parents can complete a referral, using the form on the College website

This half term, training on anti-bullying was delivered to ALL STAFF by a specialist from The PSHE Service.

This provided valuable insight into how to spot signs of bullying and the importance of reporting all possible cases.

The **Safeguarding Assembly** this term focused on students' perceptions around the way that the College deal with bullying.

Students were able to see responses to last year's survey and it was made clear to all year groups that there are serious consequences for those who bully and who do not stop.

This will be followed up next half-term through student panels and another survey.

Do you know what your child is doing on-line?

It has been brought to our attention that some students are members of large **WhatsApp groups** and that inappropriate material is sometimes shared. Do please check what groups your child may be involved in so that you can assess whether it is suitable and whether they should be in that group. If you are worried, do please get in touch so that we can support you to keep your child safe online.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Please remember that anyone can make a referral to social care with a safeguarding concern. 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.