

Safeguarding Bulletin 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM EDITION 2

Welcome and introduction

It has been a long and busy term and we have worked hard, as always, to ensure that our young people can work and thrive in a positive and safe environment.

There have been some large steps forward in terms of mental health, and anti-bullying. These broad topics are inextricably linked to safeguarding and help to instil a caring and kind ethos within the whole College community.

We are hugely grateful for the support and input from all stakeholders, and we continue to encourage an open channel of communication so that we are able to act swiftly and proportionately in terms of safeguarding and student wellbeing.

Thank you very much for your vigilance and care and we look forward to working with you throughout the rest of the academic year.

To contact us during term time, please email: thinkpink@lintonvc.org or if you have a concern during the school closure, please email safeguarding@anglianlearning.org.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Mrs Louise Keen – Director of Safeguarding, Designated Safeguarding Lead

Safeguarding-based assemblies this half term

This half-term we held an assembly to mark **Anti-Bullying Week** and to remind students about some of the different scenarios and roles that can be associated with **bullying-type behaviour**.



We are also delighted to tell you that we have been allocated a day's training in February from The Diana Award, so that our young people can receive training to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. This opportunity will provide training to help students to tackle bullying positively and to provide appropriate support for victims and perpetrators.

Features and Updates

This edition of the Safeguarding Bulletin features: visual information on **cannabis gummies** to help **parents stay current and vigilant**, news about **work on anti-bullying** and an update on the College's approach to **mental health and wellbeing**.

The packaging for cannabis gummies is designed to appear like normal sweets. These gummies contain cannabinoids that are harmful to children and are illegal. Please be vigilant and check the packaging carefully if you are unsure of the contents.



In November we conducted our next wave of **mental health screening**. This is part of the Anglian Learning initiative, **Belonging By Design**, and involved Year 10 taking part in an online screener, run through Cambridge University - Artemis -A.

The data from this process showed that the mental health of the majority of the students who took part was within comfortable limits, which is fantastic. Those students who had been identified through the screening tool to have more complex mental health issues, were picked up and offered support by our Mental Health Team.

We will be further analysing the results and conducting focus groups so that we can continue improve this process by reaching out to more students and gaining a better understanding of the needs of our young people

Police are continuing to advise that the use of non authorised e-scooters on public roads is not lawful. The only e-scooters that are permitted to be used are the official council schemes that are unavailable to under 18 year olds.

Children are often at increased risk as they don't understand roads, lack experience, are susceptible to peer pressure to carry passengers and become involved in unnecessary risk taking. If stopped they could face a fine, penalty points and seizure of the e-scooter.

Police advise parents and carers to consider the risks involved in e-scooter use and protect their children through prohibiting their use. With Christmas in some parents' minds, they are not suitable presents for use in public spaces.

Making a referral to social care

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

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

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

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