

Safeguarding Bulletin 2025-2026

SUMMER TERM EDITION 5

Welcome and introduction

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who have contributed to maintaining the safety of our young people. This academic year has seen a rise in concerns reported and we attribute this to heightened vigilance from staff, parents and carers and students too.

We triage and manage each separate concern with care and sensitivity and appreciate all the support that stakeholders provide to ensure that our young people stay happy and safe.

We have expanded the safeguarding team this year, to include an extra layer of support and to effectively manage the number of concerns raised.

Louise Keen, Director of Safeguarding and The Safeguarding Team

As we head into summer holidays, and with the recent warm and dry weather, there are more reports than normal about young people engaging in behaviours that pose risks to themselves and are having impacts on other members of our communities. Do please check in with your children about what they are up to when out with friends. There has been a lot of use of open water for cooling off in the hot weather. Please ensure your kids know the risks of cold-water shock, attempting to swim beyond their ability, and hidden dangers underwater. See: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety-for-teenagers>. Above all, remind them to float to live <https://rnli.org/water-safety/float> and if a friend is in trouble to help the friend without putting themselves in danger – by calling 999, throwing them something that floats, and reminding them to lie on their back.

Features and Updates

This edition of the Safeguarding Bulletin features: information about **mental health education and support**, **Community safety** and **staying safe** over the summer.

The South Cambs CSP (Community Safety Partnership) is a local multi-agency group. It includes the South Cambridgeshire District Council, police, fire service, NHS, and probation. They work together to prevent crime, stop anti-social behaviour, and build safe neighbourhoods. A representative from Linton Village College attends this group to ensure that we are up to date with what is going on in our community and can provide the appropriate support for young people and their families.

Wellbeing and Mental Health Support

Mrs Hill continues to provide wellbeing and mental health support in school.

The Wellbeing Hub provides a nurturing, peaceful environment for students during social times and is also a quiet space where counselling sessions take place.

We will continue to use YMCA counselling services over the next academic year for those students with more complex needs.

A reminder of the tiers of mental health support

Tier 1 – Head of Year and/or Form Tutor

Tier 2 – Wellbeing support – Wellbeing Mentor

Tier 3 – YMCA counselling service

Tier 4 – Specialised counselling services

Create-a-thon

The William Templeton Foundation for Young People's Mental Health is a charity that wants to make life better for young people by finding new and creative ways to support mental health.

We recently hosted the first Create-a-thon – an opportunity for students to be involved in creating resources to help support other young people to maintain positive mental health.

Students from years 7 to 10 worked with a representative from The William Templeton Foundation in mixed age groups to come up with ideas to fundraise and promote good mental health amongst their peers.

Students were very creative and we look forward to sharing their ideas in the new academic year.

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 where 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](#)

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

Assemblies this half term

Safeguarding assemblies this half-term have focused on **protected characteristics** and an update on **safeguarding trends**.

These two themes highlight and reinforce the idea of being **caring** and **independent** and act as a reminder to all stakeholders about the consequences of our actions.