



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

SAFEGUARDING EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY AUTUMN 1

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Online Safety

Kayleigh Haywood began speaking to Luke Harlow, a man she had never met, on 31 October 2015.

Over the course of 13 days they exchanged 2643 messages. Harlow told the 15-year-old all the things many teenage girls want to hear. He told her she was beautiful, how much he cared for her and that she was special.

Harlow was grooming Kayleigh, along with two other young girls he had also been speaking to. But it was Kayleigh that finally agreed to his requests to spend the night of Friday 13 November 2015 at his house.

She spent the next day with him too, and in the early hours of Sunday 15 November, having been held against her will by Harlow and by his next door neighbour Stephen Beadman, Kayleigh was raped and murdered by Beadman.

With the support of Kayleigh's family, Leicestershire Police has made a film about aspects of the last two weeks of her life.

Kayleigh's Love Story is as a warning to young people, both girls and boys, about the dangers of speaking to people they don't know online. The film highlights just how quick and easy it can be for children to be groomed online without them or those around them knowing it is happening. Its purpose is to protect children now and in the future and to stop another family losing a child in this way.

It's vital that [young people understand the importance of staying safe online](#) and parents can [spot the signs](#) that may indicate their child is being groomed. There is a fact sheet for parents that contains information about online grooming and the [tell-tale signs and behaviours](#).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsbYHI-rZOE>

Please be aware that this You tube video has an advisory viewing rating of 15. The content is very powerful and sends a very strong message to young people about the dangers of meeting strangers on line. It may be beneficial to watch first and then discuss with your child.

Drug Education

A Wigan mum has issued an urgent drug danger warning to youngsters after her daughter was left in a coma by an ecstasy pill. Kerry Robinson took to Facebook to explicitly reveal the shocking dangers of taking banned "recreational" substances by posting photos captured in the aftermath of 16-year-old Leah's collapse.

Read more at: <http://www.wigantoday.net/news/mum-s-warning-after-daughter-16-was-left-in-a-coma-after-taking-ecstasy-1-8319817>

Online Games—Dangers

Christmas is a time where children receive presents associated with computer games. This could be in the forms of the console or game itself or gift cards for X box live or Playstation. Some games currently available to children allow them to purchase virtual knives. Not only is this a safeguarding risk but they can also cost in the region of \$50—\$60 dollars and tie children into very expensive notifications on their smart devices. It is important they are aware of the existence of these add ons.

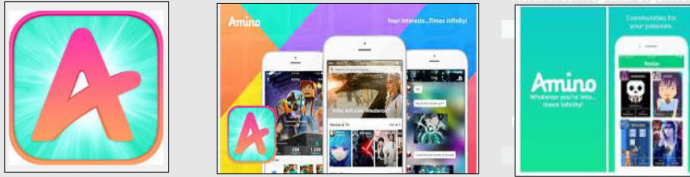
Potential CSE Social Media Application

A recent investigation has highlighted an app called "Amino".

The app allows users to create a profile where they can pretend to be a character, cartoon, vampire etc. and they can discuss fantasies.

The app appears very child like with colourful cartoon characters and could be quite easily overlooked by parents.

The site appears to revolve around fantasy role play and would be an ideal tool for use by CSE perpetrators wishing to contact or groom victims.



Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Please warn young people of the APP described to the left. There are concerns that the APP may be a potential CSE risk to young people. In fact any APP that encourages children to communicate with people they do not know could be a potential CSE risk.

CSE continues to be the single most concerning element of safeguarding. A new focus on Peer to Peer CSE is being picked up through inspections. This is something that the young people need to be very much aware of. If unsure, refer back to the September training notes and video.

Mental Health

Mrs Griffiths and the school councillor are about to commence a course assisting young people in dealing with stress and anxiety associated with the demands of school and exams. The roll out of the first course is just about to take place. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this CBT based help and advice, please let their relevant Head of House know.

Mrs Griffiths has herself completed a course on Mental Health First Aid and if any of the young people are showing signs of low mood or any other mental health concerns, please let us know. The government are currently becoming very aware of the effects of poor mental health on our young people.. If you have any concerns regarding a young person's mental health please contact **Mrs Griffiths** or **Mrs Bolton**

Attendance

- Every lesson really does count.
- Good attendance is linked to achievement

How can you help?

- Ensure your child is prepared for school
- Talk to them about their successes and what they have enjoyed.
- Let us know if there is anything bothering your child

TOOTOOT

TOOTOOT is up and running and we need to keep promoting it with all of our young people. They can access it via the link on the website or through the 'TOOTOOT' app itself.

Radicalisation

Radicalisation is something that the Government really want schools to be aware of. Radicalisation is defined by the UK Government "the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups." Attempts to radicalise young people take place on line through social media and You-tube. Online Games can be a forum to recruit potential terrorists. As with anything regarding online behaviour please be aware of who your child is conversing with online and please monitor their activity closely. The media very often presents radicalisation in the form of ISIS type groups. In Wigan there is just as big a threat from Far Right Extremists. Please let Alison Bolton - Single Point of Contact for Radicalisation. More information can be found on the NSPCC website https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/news-opinion/why-doing-more-protect-children-radicalisation/?utm_source=PPC&utm_medium=&utm_campaign=112016+radicalisation&gclid=CICUguSr3dECFUMo0wodM3gI5Q&gclid=aw.ds

Parent Training

We are offering some training for Online safety and Prevent on 14th February in Room 61 at 2.00 pm. Please contact Alison Bolton if you are interested.