



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

SAFEGUARDING EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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Useful numbers

Childline

0800 1111

Wigan Safeguarding Hub

01942 486262

Wigan Social care Referral and Assessment team

01942 828 300

County Lines

County Lines is the trafficking of drugs into rural areas and smaller towns, away from major cities. Traffickers typically recruit vulnerable adults or children as drug dealers. Some young people are recruited via debt bondage, whereby they enter county lines to pay off drug debts. Sometimes this is to prevent themselves or family members from getting hurt or threatened.

Signs children maybe involved in County Lines

- New groups of friends
- Drugs or drug paraphernalia evidence
- More than one mobile phone
- Large amounts of cash appearing
- Secretive or scared
- Missing from home episodes
- Behaviour changes
- Evidence of being beaten with no explanation

What to do if you suspect a child is involved in County Lines

If you suspect a child is involved in County Lines. You can speak to school who will treat the matter sensitively and refer to organisations who can offer support and help to break away from the risk. Other organisations can also help and assist such as NSPCC and Childline.

In all cases, the emphasis would always be on safeguarding and reducing the risk of any potential harm or risk to the child.

If you would like any further information on County Lines please either contact the Pastoral Team or follow the following link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-county-lines/criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-county-lines>

Anti Social Behaviour

There has been an increase in the number of incidents involving anti-social behaviour of our pupils. Please speak to children regarding their actions outside of school and the impact this has on the local community and the reputation of our school which we have worked so hard to improve and build on..

Bonfire Safety

FIREWORK SAFETY

Fireworks are dangerous and should not be handled by children. They are also anti-social and can scare pets or elderly people in the community.

Fireworks should only be operated during an organised display. This year it is unlikely that organised displays will happen, due to the pandemic. Therefore, it is really important that young people should not take it upon themselves to have their own display. The internet is full of images of children who did not respect firework safety and have suffered life changing injuries.

A total of 1936 people in England needed hospital treatment because of firework injuries during 2018 –19. In a third of those cases the victims were under the age of 18

Please respect the law, respect the community and respect health and safety.

Keep pets indoors.

Alcohol and fireworks do not mix and may lead to injury.

Peer on Peer Abuse

Did you know that after a recent pupil voice survey, there was a high number of pupils who think that using sexually orientated swear words is normal behaviour. As adults, it is important that we ensure our pupils understand that calling girls sexually motivated names can make them feel undervalued and intimidated. We have a duty to ensure that we model behaviour that is appropriate for our children. Recent Ofsted findings highlighted that children want to learn about relationship and sex education in single sex groups. This is so that they can feel they can discuss the more intimate issues without fear of feeling under peer pressure or ridiculed. They also favour relationship and sex education being delivered by specialists. At Golborne most of our RSE is delivered by specialist providers such as Spectrum. Pupils are starting to feel that seeing youth produced sexual imagery such as nude or semi-nude pictures on their phones is common. The concern regarding this is that they will stop telling parents and professionals. Seeing or storing these images on their devices is a criminal offence, even if the images were sent consensually. It is important that the children get a consistent message that this is not okay. We will be completing some learning with our pupils regarding the matters identified by the Ofsted report and our own pupil voice.

As always if a pupil feels they have had a problem then please email

safeguarding@golbornehigh.wigan.sch.uk or tell any member of the pastoral staff.

COVID 19

Anyone who feels they are suffering because of the impact of the pandemic please do not feel you are alone. School can help and offer support and guidance. Please contact us by using the email address

Safeguarding@golbornehigh.wigan.sch.uk