



This academic year we will be sending a safeguarding newsletter to parents, carers and students each half term. We hope that this will give you some indication of current safeguarding issues both locally and nationally and serve to reassure you that the safeguarding of all our students is of the utmost priority. This half term we have included information on County Lines, online safety and the circulation of nerd ropes. On the final page, you will find a useful reminder of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL'S) at Wymondham College.

Best wishes

*The Safeguarding Team*

### **Who can I contact if I have a safeguarding concern over the half term break?**

If you have a safeguarding concern for a child living in Norfolk you can do this through the Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS). The Customer Service Centre can be contacted on: 0344 800 8020.

If you have a safeguarding concern for a child living out of Norfolk, please contact their local MASH (the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub). Information on this can be found online.

If you believe a child to be at risk of immediate harm, please call 999.



### County Lines

You may have may have seen in the media, Norfolk and Suffolk are now key target areas for ‘county lines’ which can be highly effective criminal networks supplying drugs across rural areas. These networks target vulnerable young people to courier drugs, leading to an increase in violent crime, sexual exploitation and arrest. The issue of gangs and county lines is intrinsically linked to the umbrella term ‘criminal exploitation’. Over the past week, our students have had a session delivered by their tutor about County Lines to raise their awareness of the risks.

LGfL has a series of videos featuring a retired London police officer, Peter Wilson. Peter was a member of the Metropolitan Police where he worked to combat child criminal exploitation (CCE) and the grooming of young people into drug gangs. There are 14 videos in total, that aim to help people understand the nature of County Lines, including:

**What is county lines?**

**What are the signs that a young person is involved with county lines?**

**Why are even 8-10 year olds at risk?**

**Top tips for parents and carers**

**What can parents and carers do to make their children less vulnerable?**

You can find the videos [here](#).

### Nerd Ropes

Norfolk Police have warned that children and young people could be targeted to buy packets of sweets suspected to contain cannabis. Counterfeit packets of sweets packaged to look like ‘Nerd Ropes’ but which state they contain cannabis and a high amount of THC, have been found circulating in Norfolk. Although they initially look like normal ‘Nerds’ sweets it is believed that

they are likely to contain cannabis, which is listed as an ingredient and therefore would encourage parents and carers to be vigilant.





### Online Safety

#### Wymondham College Online Safety Newsletters

Each month we email parents our monthly online safety newsletter. Past issues can be found [here](#) along with all other safeguarding information including the Safer Schools Partnership newsletters produced by Norfolk Police.



#### O2 and NSPCC Advice Line

They can help parents and carers with any questions or concerns that they may have about keeping their child safe online. The [advice line](#) can provide technical support and advice on apps, parental controls, gaming and online safety. Call **0808 8005002** (Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm). The NSPCC also has a range of resources for parents [here](#).



#### Net Aware

A [website](#) which provides a up-to-date advice on a range of social networks, apps, games and online platforms used by children including Roblox, Tik Tok, Zoom, YouTube, Houseparty. Tips and videos for parents and carers too i.e how to create a family agreement in relation to online use.



#### National Online Safety

A [website](#) with a range of free downloadable guides for parents and carers on a range lots of apps and platforms including - Instagram, Snapchat, Fortnite and much more. Also guides on how to have conversations with young people about their online use and about the dangers of online grooming





<p><b>UK Safer Internet Centre</b> <a href="#">Advice centre</a> with tips, guides and resources for parents and carers set of <a href="#">guides</a> highlighting safety features on popular social media services and messaging apps.</p>	 The logo for the UK Safer Internet Centre, featuring an orange stylized 'i' icon and the text 'UK Safer Internet Centre' in blue.
<p><b>Internet Matters</b> Step-by-step <a href="#">guides</a> for using parental controls and privacy settings alongside support on a range of online safety topics.</p>	 The logo for Internet Matters.org, featuring the text 'internet matters.org' in white on a green background, with the tagline 'learn about it / talk about it / deal with it' below.
<p><b>Childline</b> <a href="#">Providing help and support with mobile and online safety</a> for children under 18 years of age. Call 0800 11 11 or visit <a href="http://www.childline.org.uk">www.childline.org.uk</a></p>	 The logo for ChildLine, featuring colorful cartoon faces and the text 'ChildLine 0800 1111' with a telephone handset icon.
<p><b>Parent Info</b> <a href="#">Help and advice</a> for families in a digital world, providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations.</p>	 The logo for Parent Info, featuring a blue speech bubble icon and the text 'parent INFO FROM CEOP AND PARENT ZONE'.
<p><b>ThinkuKnow</b> <a href="#">Thinkuknow</a> is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. The website has also has advice on what do if you are concerned about your child online. They have produced some great <a href="#">home activity packs</a> that parents and carers can use with their children. A range of topics are covered including live streaming, online gaming and healthy online relationships.</p>	 The logo for ThinkuKnow, featuring the text 'THINK U KNOW .CO.UK' in white on a black splatter background.



### Our Safeguarding Team

# SAFEGUARDING

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We are all at our best when we know we are safe and valued. At Wymondham College the safety of our students is paramount. Keeping children safe in education is at the forefront of our care. It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure the safety of our students and we take this responsibility extremely seriously. All staff are employed under safer recruitment guidelines and are trained in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people, before they are allowed to begin employment at the College. This enhances the exceptional environment of learning and enjoyment that is at the heart of life at Wymondham College.

We trust that all visitors adhere to our aims of keeping students safe within our care. Please report any concerns you may have regarding the safety of students at the College to any member of staff or to the following staff directly.

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