

Safeguarding Newsletter for Families

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Keeping children safe is everyone's

responsibility

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Welcome to our Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Catherine Stratton



Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Alice Beveridge



Designated Wider safeguarding Team:

Family Support worker (Fully trained in DSL Role):

Theresa Miller



Safeguarding Governor:

Linda Hawbrook



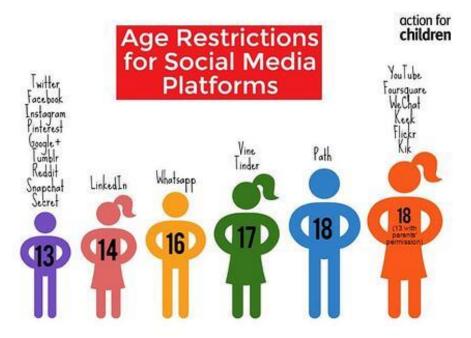
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Policy Link



The Importance of Attendance for Safeguarding

Attendance monitoring is a key part of our safeguarding processes in school. We take non-attendance and lateness seriously. School will maintain records of where children are and reasons for non-attendance or late arrival. We are a duty to investigate non-attendance - see section 175 Education Act 2002,







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Are all your contact details up to date?

If you change your home phone, email, or mobile number, please let the school know, so that we have the most up-to-date contact details.



With over 14 million daily users, Discord is one of the most popular communication tools for gamers. It allows you to create or join what are known as 'servers', where different users can talk in groups via text message or voice call. There is also the option to send direct messages and make video calls.





What parents need to know about

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INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



SEXUAL **IMAGERY**



CYBERBULLYING



HIDDEN CHARGES



RISK OF CYBERCRIME

Cybercriminal groups have been linked to the platform due to reports of hackers sharing stolen data. It's also possible that your child may be encouraged to share the data of their friends, either through peer pressure, or 'for fun', without reallsing the consequences.



STRANGER DANGER



Top Tips to Protect Your Child





Whatever your child says or shares on the platform can be seen, heard and shared with a much larger audience. Be careful to make sure your child understands this and does not say or share anything that could be deemed offensive, harmful or put themselves or others at risk.

You can find Discord's own guide for parents here: https://blog.discordapp. com/parents-guide-to-discord-c77d91793e9c



IMPROVE SECURITY

To help protect your child, make sure they set strong passwords. You should consider using the 'two-factor authentication' function for extra protection. It's also important to remind your child to never to share their personal information, or the details of another user.



CHECK THEIR **FRIEND**

You can restrict who is able to make 'friend requests' to your child in the 'Friends' tab. It's a good idea to deselect the default option that allows anyone to connect. Of course, you should also talk to your child about why it's a risk to allow strangers to connect with them through such platforms.



REPORT & BLOCK **SUSPICIOUS USERS**

Make sure your child knows how to report and block abusive or suspicious users. If you do find your child suffering repeated abuse, contact the platform directly with the position of the position of the position of the platform directly with the position of the platform directly with the position of the platform directly with the platform directly using the email:
abuse@discordapp.com. It's
a good idea to teach your
child how to screenshot any
negative interactions too.



BE WARY OF NSFW

Public forums on the platform are a potential venue for inappropriate content that you should be wary of. There is a Discord mascot known as 'Wumpus', which is supposed to represent anyone under 18. Anyone who posts content unsuitable for under-18s, should mark it NSFW (Not Suitable For Wumpus).



RESPECT **TO OTHERS**

It's important you actively teach your child to treat other users with respect and behave online the same way as they would offline.

Take the time to read through Discord's Community Guidelines with your child. Find them at: www.discordapp.com/ guidelines



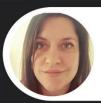


TURN ON SAFE MESSAGING

You should encourage your child to activate the 'Safe Direct Messaging' option. This will scan and delete any direct messages sent to your child containing explicit content.







Meet our expert

Claire Woffenden has been a technology journalist since 1998 with a specialism in consumer technology (apps, websites, home computing and digital devices). As a Mum of two young children - aged 8 and 6 - Claire is passionate about helping to keep children safe online.

County Lines - Explained

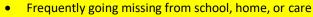
What is County Lines?

County lines a form of criminal exploitation where urban gangs persuade, coerce or force children and young people to store drugs and money and/or transport them to suburban areas, market towns and coastal towns (Home Office, 2018). It can happen in any part of the UK, it is against the law as well as being a form of child abuse.

Children and young people may be criminally exploited in multiple ways. Other forms of criminal exploitation include child sexual exploitation, trafficking, gang, and knife crime.

County lines gangs are highly organised criminal networks that use sophisticated, frequently evolving techniques to groom young people and evade capture by the police. Perpetrators use children and young people to maximise profits and distance themselves from the criminal act of physically dealing drugs (National Crime agency, 2019). Young people do most of the work and take the most risk. Dedicated mobile phone lines or 'deal lines' are used to help facilitate county lines drug deals. Phones are usually cheap, disposable, and old fashioned because they are changed frequently to avoid detection by the police. Gangs use the phones to receive orders and contact young people to instruct them where to deliver drugs. This may be to a local dealer or drug user or a dealer or drug user

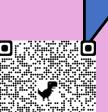
in another county.



- Travelling to locations, being found in areas with no obvious connections
- Unwillingness to explain their whereabouts
- Acquiring unaccountable money, clothes, accessories, or mobile phones
- Receiving excessive texts or phone calls at all hours of the day
- Having multiple mobile phone handsets or sim cards
- Withdrawing or having sudden changes in personality, behaviour
- Having relationships with controlling or older individuals and groups
- Unexplained injuries, carrying weapons
- Significant decline in school results or performance
- Being isolated from peers or social networks
- Associating with or being interested in gang culture
- Self-harming or having significant changes in mental health (Ministry of Justice, 2019)

Possible indicators to

be aware of



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Online Counselling Service for 11-25 year olds

It is a free online counselling and emotional wellbeing support service providing young people in Harrow, aged 11-25 years (up to 25th birthday), with a free, safe and secure means of accessing support with their emotional health and wellbeing from a professional team of qualified counsellors.



County lines

We need your help to stop it

#KnowTheSigns

#CountyLines

