



SAFEGUARDING news

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Child-on-Child Abuse Survey

We continue to work hard to tackle the issue of Child-on-Child Abuse at Comberton Village College and create safer corridors for our pupils. We have conducted another pupil survey and we are able to share some of the results with you.

We saw an increase in the number of pupils participating in the survey, with a total of 848 responses.

Since the last survey in 2021, the results show a reduction in the number of pupils experiencing unwanted sexualised behaviour, across all year groups. We know this is still something that is happening in school, and appreciate there is still work to be done, but this is encouraging.

We are also pleased to report that 89% of pupils know how to report unwanted sexualised behaviour and with more awareness this will only increase.

However, the survey suggests some pupils still see sexualised attitudes, language, and behaviour as Banter. We will continue to raise awareness and educate on this important matter.

We held a pupil focus group in February, where we displayed the Child-on-Child Abuse posters that pupils had been asked to design earlier in the year. The pupils that attended were able to select the posters which they felt were visually appealing and gave a clear message about Child-on-Child Abuse. We are working with the art department to adapt these ready for display in school to raise awareness and encourage pupils to report.

Keeping Safe Online

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) have shared that their research suggests that online Sexual Imagery of Children is one of the biggest issues impacting our young people today. The IWF have highlighted girls aged 11-13 year are most at risk.

For more information on how you can keep safe online look at the website [here](#) and watch the video. Further helpful information can be found [here](#).

Knife Crime - Sceptre



#LivesNotKnives

Operation Sceptre (#operationsceptre) is a National Campaign to target knife related crime by raising awareness amongst communities and to encourage everyone to understand the risks and how you can help to reduce these offences and keep people safe. More information can be found [here](#). If you know someone who carries a knife, call 101 or visit www.cambs.police.uk. Another useful website is [Fearless](#).

Lives not knives is something we have spoken to the pupils about in school, in a recent assembly. You can view the assembly here [‘Safeguarding Assembly February 23’](#).

REPORT
REMOVE

Report Remove

Nude image of you online?
We can help take it down.

The IWF and Childline jointly offer the ‘Report Remove’ service, allowing pupils to report their own inappropriate images and get them removed.

This has been covered with pupils in the recent assembly, detailed above. For more information click [here](#).



Student Support

If, over the Easter period, you feel you need support, do visit the student support and wellbeing page on the website [here](#). There are people ready to listen, help and support you. Do not struggle alone.



Concerned? Email safeguarding@combertonvc.org

