



SAFEGUARDING news

SUMMER 2022

SUMMER SAFETY

Water Safety

Having fun in the sun during the summer holidays often includes water, be it in a paddling pool, lido, villa pool, lake, river, or the sea. However, whilst it is refreshing to take a dip, staying safe is vital. Take a look [here](#) at some tips to stay safe near the water.

Online Safety

The use of mobile phones and devices is still a great tool for our students and young people to communicate, but with this comes risks!

Online group chats are amongst the most popular ways for our young people to engage and interact with their peers but there are still risks. Take a look [here](#) at a guide of 'What parents need to know about online group chats'.

Vaping – The Risks

We are seeing a rise in teens vaping. Please look [here](#) and [here](#) for some helpful information and advice. Vaping will be sanctioned at school under the smoking policy.

PEER ON PEER ABUSE & SAFER CORRIDORS UPDATE

In our continued work to tackle Peer-on-Peer Abuse at Comberton Village College we held our first Peer-on-Peer Abuse, Safer Corridors Parent Focus Group in July.

[Here is a link](#) to the presentation.

We continue to work hard on this important matter. Below you can see what we have done and what we are planning to do next term. We will continue to keep you posted on future updates.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE	WHAT WE ARE DOING NEXT
Surveyed students and parents to understand their views and experiences of sexual harassment and peer-on-peer abuse in school	Looking at strategies for students to report abuse and concerns more easily
Surveyed staff to gain a deeper insight into school culture and behaviours around sexual harassment	Training/information evening for parents looking supporting young people with sexual behaviours
Discussed findings of survey at senior leadership and middle leadership level	Assemblies for pupils/student's years 7 - 13 (Termly)
Given assemblies to students on the findings of the survey and what they can do to support a culture in the school which reduces cases of sexual harassment	Tutor led activities in tutor groups (September)
Held student & parent focus groups	Another survey to measure progress
Started training for ALL staff on how to reduce sexual harassment/peer-on-peer abuse	Consider amendments to curriculum
Trained bus drivers	Formulating a peer-on-peer abuse policy
Developed safer corridors logs on Go4Schools and sanction ladder for all staff to refer to and action	

SUPPORT

Students/Pupils mental health and wellbeing in school is still the highest level of concern received by the safeguarding team.

Take some time over the summer break to look at the [student wellbeing page](#) on the website. Here you will find resources and organisations who offer expert advice and support to you and your child with mental health and wellbeing. If you feel that your child is unable to cope and is a risk to themselves or other people seek advice from 111 and dial 2 to get support from mental health teams. If you have an emergency dial 999 to get immediate support.

How are you feeling? Stressed? Struggling?
Whatever you are going through, whether it's exam stress, mental health issues, bullying, drugs, alcohol, sexuality, difficult home life or perhaps you're a young carer? There is always someone to listen.

You can get help!
Talk to a trusted adult at home or at school. There is also lots of support available for you to access.

Are you in crisis? Worried you might hurt yourself or someone else?
Call 111 press option 2
NHS 111

Free online mental health support for children and young people.
www.kooth.com

childline
Unwind, on the phone, anytime
Call 0800 1111
childline.org.uk

Chuffhealth
It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope with a range of issues including anxiety, mental health, relationship problems, depression or bullying.

THE DEN
The DEN, which is located behind SEN support, delivers the Science and English block. It can be used and locked if you would like someone to talk to in school. This can also increase help and support on campus.
07480 635443
Talk to a school nurse continuously by text

PLEASE REMEMBER – If you are concerned about a child or feel a child is in immediate danger or at risk of harm, contact the police 101 or in an emergency 999 or report concerns [here](#).



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