



SAFEGUARDING news

WINTER 2022

Child-on-Child Abuse Survey

We have worked hard over the past year 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 asked all pupils to share their experiences since September 2022. Thank you to all the pupils that participated in this survey. We received a total of 848 (58%) pupil responses. We will be conducting a parent and staff survey in the New Year and following these surveys we will consolidate the results and report the findings next term. We will also hold further pupil focus groups in the spring term.

Posters

In form time, we have asked pupils to design some Child-on-Child Abuse posters. This will not only help in creating visual aids around school to educate pupils, but also raise awareness amongst pupils and hopefully encourage all pupils to **REPORT** any unwanted behaviour and know that they will be taken seriously. Pupils should hopefully know that they can **REPORT** to their Tutor, Assistant Head of Year, Head of Year, or an adult in school. Email safeguarding@combertonvc.org or use the 'Concerned about a child' button on the website.



Safeguarding Review

During November, our dedicated Safeguarding Team invited the Local Authority to conduct a full safeguarding review to validate our working practices. The review outcomes were very positive, with only a few recommendations for improvement, which we are already addressing. You can meet the members of the Safeguarding Team [here](#).

PREVENTion of Radicalisation

We wanted to bring to your attention some additional work being done to address radicalisation. Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies. Police forces across the country have specially trained officers who work alongside other organisations, including schools through a Home Office programme called PREVENT. At Comberton Village College we have a specially trained PREVENT lead, Mr Sean Pollock (DSL), who you can report concerns to about any pupil or young person from Comberton Village which you believe may be at risk of radicalisation. All staff at Comberton Village College receive training which includes awareness of the threat, spotting the signs and how to report any concerns on radicalisation. Please do look at the website [here](#) for more information.

SecEd Publication

Please do look at the News@Com [here](#), which includes an article recently featured in the SecEd online publication, Child-on-Child Abuse study.

Student Support

If, over the Christmas 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.



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