



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 3rd edition of our Safeguarding newsletter.

Each term we aim to share information and advice for parents and carers on issues we feel may be important to you.

The Leys School Safeguarding team are

- Mrs Khangura (Headteacher)
- Mrs Clibbon (Family Worker)
- Mrs Pomroy (SEND coordinator)
- Mrs Barr (Deputy Head)

If you need to discuss an urgent safeguarding concern please contact a member of the team.

National Cyber Security Centre

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk>

Information on cyber security advice for individuals and families to protect you and the technology you use.

This includes advice about buying and selling second hand devices, securing your devices, online gaming precautions, social media activity and shopping securely online.

County Lines

County lines is 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 and is against the law and a form of child abuse.

The fear of serious physical violence as revenge for disrespecting, 'snitching' or 'grassing' is one of the things that prevents young people from leaving gangs or seeking help from the police and other agencies.

For more information on this please see link to the NSPCC website

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/county-lines>





Gangs and knife crime

Talk to your children about not getting involved with older teenagers who can often be hanging around in the local neighbourhood. Younger children often like to feel included with teenagers but this can lead to them making decisions about doing things which they are not yet mature enough to fully realise the implications of.

World Autism Acceptance

World Autism Acceptance week has just taken place from 27 March - 2 April. It's estimated there are around 700,000 people living with Autism in the UK.

Children who are learning and adapting to make sense of their life may be more susceptible to suggestions and influences having less life experience to help them decide wrong from right. So it's up to all of us to ensure these influences are positive ones for those children and young people.

Family Lives Helpline 0808 800 2222

If you would like support and advice with a parenting or family issue, you can call the helpline on 0808 800 2222 or email the support team

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/about/contact-us> There is also a live chat service available, Monday to Friday between 1:30pm and 9:00pm.

Easter Holiday Safety

Now the clocks have changed and daylight hours are increasing, more children will be playing outside again.

A strong message delivered to them in school is that they should always inform their adults of where they are going, who they will be with and ideally what time you are expecting them to return home.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter holiday.

