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The aim of this newsletter is to try and communicate some key information to parents regarding ways in which they can safeguard their own children at home. It also informs of how we are committed to working with parents and pupils to actively promote the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils at S. Peter's Collegiate School.

If you have any concerns about a child, please contact one of the school's Safeguarding Team – **01902 558600**

Mrs. J. Cooke (Designated Safeguarding Lead): **Mrs. S. Wilkes** (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead): **Mrs. J. Smith** (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead): **Mr. G. Holmes** (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead): **Mrs. K. Barker** (SENDCo): **Mrs. L. Cotterell** (Assistant Head of 6th Form): **Mrs. D. Dalton** Governor with responsibility for safeguarding:

Bullying incidents are treated very seriously at S. Peter's School. We continue to re-iterate the school's commitment to ensuring we are a safe place and what to do if bullying takes place. We would really like the pupils to focus on empathy and how words can hurt.

Using a crumpled-up piece of paper can help with this.

- Crumple the paper up and then smooth it out.
- Does the paper look the same?
- No, it doesn't. REMEMBER - if you are the victim of bullying.

You can smooth things out but it is rarely the same.

Exam stress and anxiety

Year 11's are busy with mock exams. This is one of the most significant periods of their time at school as they study for their upcoming GCSE's in May 2020.

Exam pressure is just one of the many triggers that can create a lot of stress and anxiety for the majority of students and even panic attacks in more extreme cases. If they are also going through some difficulties in their personal lives this can sometimes become too much to cope with.

If things are getting too much, the best thing to do is to speak to parents or a member of the Safeguarding Team.

What is.....



Tellonym

Tellonym is an app that lets you ask and answer questions about each other anonymously. It's easy to come across adult themes including sex, drink, drugs and abusive comments if filters are not switched on.



At a glance

Kids use this to...



Expert view of the risks...



SCAM WARNING

DEETS AND SQUARES

Young people are becoming 'money mules' as fraudsters target their bank accounts in 'tempting' scam.

Police are warning youngsters against accepting large payments into their account from strangers, in order to receive a 'cut' of the money. The scam is known as 'Deets' and 'Squares' – 'Deets' being slang for bank details and a 'Square' being a credit or debit card.

Criminals are asking young victims, as young as 11 years old, to receive money into their account and transfer it to someone else – or in some cases, asking them to withdraw it in cash and hand it over in person. While this can seem tempting for young people as a means to make money, especially students or those on low incomes, victims are actually breaking the law and could be 'unknowingly' laundering the proceeds of crime which runs the risk of a conviction and a ruined credit history which can affect future life opportunities.

Working together to Raise Awareness

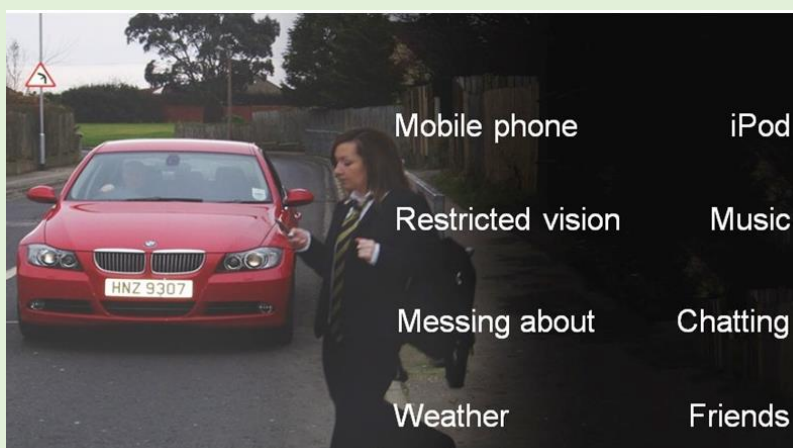
- Parents should check their children's bank statements with them regularly.
- Make sure youngsters know not to give anyone their PIN, pass-code, or password, even to someone claiming to be from their bank or the police.
- If a child comes home with new clothes, trainers, electronic devices or other items that cannot be accounted for, ask them how they got the money to purchase them.
- Explain that allowing someone else to use their bank details, is a potentially a serious criminal offence that could damage their financial future. That this means they may not be able to get a mobile phone contract, mortgage or car loan.
- Teach them the simple rule that *if it looks too good to be true, then it probably is.*



Every 20 minutes, someone is killed or seriously injured on a British road, yet each of these tragedies is preventable

Young people can often be risk takers for a variety of reasons – their age and stage of development means that they can be easily distracted, do not recognise danger and may be more likely to take risks.

DISTRACTIONS



Wolverhampton Police

With the onset of darker nights, please note the safety advice from Wolverhampton Police, whether you are walking, cycling or taking public transport to school.

Out and about

- If possible, walk with a friend or group of friends.
- Stay alert – keep an eye on everything that is happening around you.
- Avoid wearing earphones or chatting on your mobile phone, as this will distract you from your surroundings.
- Trust your instincts – if you have a 'funny feeling' about someone or something, don't ignore it, act on it straight away.
- Take the route you know best and stick to busy, well-lit streets.
- Walk in the middle of the pavement, facing oncoming traffic. This will avoid any cars driving up alongside you as you walk.
- Think about your route home. Where would be a safe place to go if something went wrong? Safe places might be busy places like shops or garages, friends' houses or a police station.
- Have your keys ready as you approach your home so you can get inside quickly.



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www.west-midlands.police.uk

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NetAware app. This is an app that has been created by the NSPCC and O2 to give information about safety on a range of popular apps. This video showcases how to use the app. This is suitable for both parents and pupils: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqTv7Xs2gGY>

Below is a link to a website which shows information about different websites, as well as general **E-Safety information** which provides useful information for parents to speak to their son/daughter (s) about: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/>

Useful links

[Safer Wolverhampton Partnership](#)
[NSPCC](#)
[Young Minds](#)
[Samaritans](#)
[Stop Hate WV](#)
[WV Holiday Squad](#)