



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

Message from the Safeguarding Team

All children have the right to:

- ◆ Speak out and be heard
- ◆ Be safe
- ◆ Get help when they need it

If you have a concern - Speak Out!

Welcome to Issue 9 of the West Coventry Academy safeguarding newsletter for parents. The aim of this publication is to keep you informed of important safeguarding updates and to signpost services that your children may benefit from.

West Coventry Academy is committed to safeguarding and meeting the needs of our young people, our staff and our families and through working in partnership, we will strive to create a safe and inclusive environment in which we can all learn and develop together.



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Lead DSL



Mrs Hussain
Deputy DSL

Designated DSLs



Mrs Powner
Year 11



Mrs Saund
Year 10



Mrs Knowles
Year 9



Mrs Greenway
Year 8



Mrs Lane
Year 7



Mrs Withers
Year 12



Mrs Dudley
Family Support
Worker

Useful Contacts:

Childline: 0800 11 11

NHS: 111

FRANK: Confidential drugs information and advice
0300 123 6600

Samaritans: 116123, ww.samaritans.org

Victim Support: 08 08 16 89 111

Kooth: Online mental health services for young people and adults - <http://www.kooth.com>

Rape Crisis Line: 08088 039999
(12:00 - 14:30 & 19:00 - 21:30)

Anxiety UK: 03444 775 774

LGBT+ Helpline: 07935 669611
(15:00 - 17:00 Tuesdays & Wednesdays
13:00 - 15:00pm Thursdays)

CRUSE: Bereavement counselling:
0333 554 9157

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Coventry Sexual Health Clinic: 0300 020 0027

Domestic Abuse Helpline:
www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

Forced Marriage Unit: 020 7008 0151

Positive Youth Foundation: 02476 158550

Homelessness: 0116 221 1857

Drinkaware: 0300 123 1110

BEAT: Eating Disorders: 0800 801 0811

Mind: Mental Health Charity
0300 123 3393

Statistic of the Week:

According to the NSPCC in their survey of 8,00 teachers, 87% of teachers have seen an increase in neglect referrals for children.



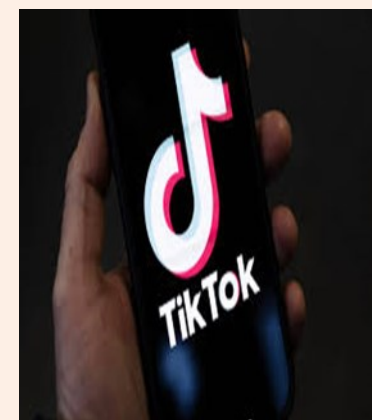
TikTok: Investigated over use of Children's data

The UK data watchdog has launched a major investigation into TikTok's use of children's personal information. The investigation will look into how the company uses data of 13-17 year olds to recommend further content to them.

The Investigation will look at:

- ◆ Data being leaked, resulting in harm to children
- ◆ The use of Algorithms and how they 'feed' on personal data from user profiles and preferences
- ◆ Using data collected to promote more content to children, resulting in them spending longer on TikTok

The Investigation is being conducted by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). The ICO monitors and upholds information rights in the public interest, promoting openness by public bodies and data privacy for individuals.



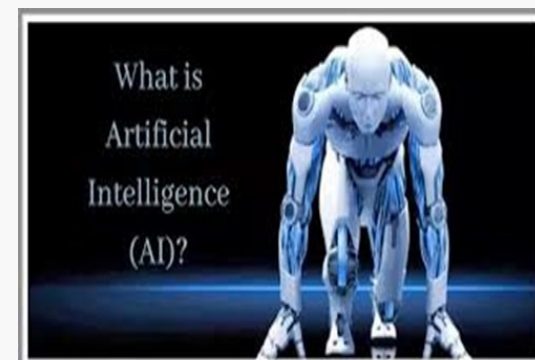
Schools targeted in AI Sextortion scam:

A small number of schools are reporting incidents where photos, frequently those of female pupils and staff, are being taken from their websites and social media channels, manipulated into a sexualised context using AI, and then used in attempts to blackmail schools. For further information on how to safeguard and support with AI, please visit:

[Safeguarding Students: A Guide for Schools on Preventing and Responding to AI-Generated Image Exploitation - Safer Schools](#)

What is AI?

Artificial Intelligence is technology that allows you to perform tasks like image analysis and speech recognition. It also simulates human learning and comprehension.



Useful acronyms:

- KCSIE - Keeping Children Safe in Education
- CAMHS - Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services
- PPO - Police Protection Order
- EHA - Early Help Assessment
- LA - Local Authority
- PR - Parental Responsibility
- MASH - Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub