



# 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 11 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.



Mrs Franklin  
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](http://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](http://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,

19% of children, aged 10-15 years-old, exchanged messages with someone online who they never met before in the last year.

## Emoji's explained:

Following the recent release of the TV drama Adolescence, the use of emojis in young peoples' communication has become a talking point.

Attached to this Newsletter, is a PDF explaining coded meaning behind certain emoji's. This helps to maintain vigilance in monitoring the activity of young people online. Understanding these hidden messages can help ensure open and informed conversations are taking place.

For example, the snowflake emoji can be code for Cocaine and the gorilla emoji can represent Extreme Masculinity.



## Why Are Teachers Being Targeted on TikTok and other Social Media Platforms?

Also referred to as teacher-targeted bullying, there's been a stark and alarming rise in the online cyberbullying of teachers in recent years.

Although it's hard to pinpoint when teacher-targeted bullying began, the targeting of teachers is not necessarily a new concept. However, where once teachers were gossiped about behind bike sheds and tall tales told and shared on the school bus, the involvement of the internet has put a different slant on things.

While it's true that an account can be set up without providing any identification or a real name, that doesn't mean the user can't be tracked. Police have worked with social media platforms to find the identity of users posting harmful content, including teacher targeted bullying.

It is important teachers and all stakeholders maintain professional and open communication to help support and stop teacher targeting online.

## 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