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Dear Parent/Guardian

Safeguarding & Child Protection: Support and Advice for Parents

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

At our school, we prioritise the wellbeing of our pupils and families above all else. We are committed to creating a safe and nurturing learning environment that fosters the academic, social, and emotional growth of every pupil. Through various initiatives such as assemblies, form time activities, and PSHE lessons, we provide our pupils with up-to-date information and awareness, empowering them to make informed decisions to safeguard themselves both online and offline. In addition, we strive to work closely with parents, providing them with the latest information on potential risks to their children. To achieve this, we will be sharing a biweekly *Safeguarding* letter containing advice, guidance, and information on specific topics to equip you with the necessary tools to protect your children.

Our initial focus will be on the issue of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE), with the goal of educating parents on its definition, associated risks, and warning signs to watch out for. The QR codes included at the end of the letter will lead you to informative websites that offer resources, guidance, and tailored support for parents seeking additional information on this topic.

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) pertains to a situation where children and young people are manipulated, coerced, or groomed by others to engage in criminal activities. This typically entails using violence, intimidation, or threats to exploit vulnerable children for unlawful profit.

For instance, Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) may involve compelling children to participate in drug dealing, theft, or other criminal activities, as well as exploiting them to transport drugs or illegal goods.

The impact of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) can be severe, resulting in physical and emotional harm, disruption to their education and development, and exposure to the criminal justice system.

It is crucial for parents, carers, and professionals who work with children to recognise the warning signs of Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and take measures to shield vulnerable children from being exploited by criminals.

As a school, we offer some general advice for parents to help protect their children from Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE):

1. **Talk to your children:** Keep the lines of communication open with your children and talk to them regularly about their lives, friends, and experiences. Encourage them to share any concerns they may have with you and reassure them that you are there to support and protect them.

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2. **Monitor their online activity:** Children are increasingly using social media and other online platforms, which can expose them to risks such as online grooming and exploitation. Make sure you know what your children are doing online, who they are talking to, and set appropriate parental controls to limit their exposure to harmful content.
3. **Teach them about personal safety:** Educate your children about personal safety and how to stay safe when out and about. Teach them about stranger danger, how to recognise unsafe situations, and how to seek help if they need it.
4. **Be aware of their activities:** Be aware of your child's activities outside of the home, including who they are spending time with and where they are going. If your child is involved in any activities that you are not comfortable with, talk to them about it and seek support from relevant organisations.
5. **Know the warning signs:** Be aware of the warning signs of Child Criminal Exploitation, such as changes in behaviour, unexplained injuries or money, and sudden changes in friends or social circles. If you suspect your child may be at risk, seek advice and support from relevant organisations.

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) is a serious issue, and parents play a crucial role in protecting their children from harm. By staying informed and engaged with your child's life, you can help keep them safe and support their healthy development.

I appreciate your time and attention in reviewing this important information. Our school places a high priority on collaboration with parents to ensure that each child achieves their full potential and develops the skills necessary for success in today's world. If you have any questions or concerns related to the contents of this email or any aspect of your child's experience at our school, I encourage you to reach out to their designated Head of House in the first instance. They will be happy to discuss the matter with you and, if necessary, refer you to our safeguarding team for further support.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher

QR Codes for additional information and resources:



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<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/gangs-criminal-exploitation/>



<https://www.titan.org.uk/cceclparents/>



[https://livesafe.org.uk/parents-and-carers/criminal-exploitation-and-gangs/#:~:text=Contact%20the%20police%20immediately%20if,re%20doing%20on%20social%20medi](https://livesafe.org.uk/parents-and-carers/criminal-exploitation-and-gangs/#:~:text=Contact%20the%20police%20immediately%20if,re%20doing%20on%20social%20media)
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