



Safeguarding Letter
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What is a DSL?

A designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is a member of staff who has received specialist training in whole school safeguarding. A DSL will manage safeguarding in school, deliver training to all staff and will also work with outside agencies to help keep children safe.

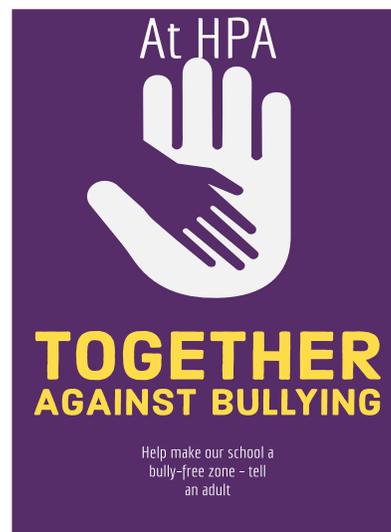
A DSL will also follow up any concerns that have been raised about the safety and wellbeing of a child.

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Welcome to the second edition of a regular newsletter with a focus on safeguarding at Harleston Primary Academy. Hopefully you found the previous newsletter helpful and interesting – do please give us feedback on the areas you would like us to cover in the future.

We have been making changes to our school website over the course of this term and the safeguarding section is no exception. If you go to <http://www.harleston.norfolk.sch.uk/safeguarding/> you will find a range of information about safeguarding at our school, including a reporting form if you have any concerns. Of course, if you are worried about the safety and wellbeing of a child, then you can always pass this on to a member of staff. Alternatively, any member of the public can ring the Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) on 0344 800 8020.

The week of the 15th November is Anti-bullying week. In school the children will be undertaking a variety of activities to support this national programme. To find out more visit <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>.



Please keep an eye out for additional information from the school about anti-bullying week.

Safeguarding Vocabulary

CCE - Child Criminal Exploitation

CEOP - Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre

LADO - Local Authority Designated Officer - deals with positions of trust safeguarding issues in Norfolk

Early Help - 'providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the foundation years through to the teenage years' - essentially intervening to prevent abuse before it occurs

DBS - Disclosure and Barring Service - a way of checking the suitability of adults to work with children

KCSIE - Keeping Children Safe in Education - a key document for schools for ensuring children are safeguarded

CAMHS - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Prevent - part of the government's counter terrorism strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism

County Lines

County Lines - What is it?

You may have heard of the term County Lines in the news. This is a real and growing form of criminal activity that exists nationally and regionally across East Anglia. It is a term used to describe gangs involved in exporting illegal drugs from urban areas into rural areas. The leaders of these gangs are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults, often without them realising it, to move (or store) drugs and money.

There may be signs of a change in a young person's behaviour, such as:

- Returning home late, staying out all night or going missing.
- Being found in areas away from home.
- Increasing drug use, or being found to have large amounts of drugs on them.
- Being secretive about who they are talking to and where they are going.
- Unexplained absences from school.
- Unexplained money, phones, clothes or jewellery.
- Increasingly disruptive or aggressive behaviour.
- Using sexual, drug-related or violent language you wouldn't expect them to know.
- Coming home with injuries or looking particularly dishevelled.

Schools and police are working together to spot signs of exploitation and ensure young people are safe. If you know a child that may be at risk as described they will need support and police should be advised on 101 if you have any concerns.

As with any type of safeguarding concern, it is always important to think 'it could happen here'.

Don't think 'what if I'm wrong?'

Think

'What if I'm right?'