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WPS Parents' Safeguarding Newsletter

Social media influencer - Andrew Tate

Andrew Tate has been the subject of BBC documentary 'The Dangerous Rise of Andrew Tate'. He has gained an increasing number of admirers among young people, especially boys.

His content promotes misogyny and an 'ultra masculine' lifestyle. It's been reported that this has contributed to a rapid rise in harassment and anti-feminism in schools.

KS3 and KS4 have covered this topic during form time this term. The attached fact sheet outlines the following:

- Who Andrew Tate is and what he's saying;
- Why what he says can be harmful;
- How parents can talk to their children about Andrew Tate and any similar content they may find online.

[Andrew Tate Parent Fact Sheet \(Feb 23\)](#)

Download the 'Tackling CSE Toolkit' for parents and carers

NSCB has produced a 'toolkit' to help parents and carers recognise child sexual exploitation (CSE) and provide them with practical advice on how to keep their children safe.

The toolkit is a document divided into chapters. For parents and carers, they recommend reading chapter 1 and chapter 8 of the toolkit, these can be downloaded below:

[Tackling CSE Toolkit Chapter 1 - What is CSE and what do I need to know?](#)

[Tackling CSE Toolkit Chapter 8 - Information for parents and carers](#)

Further information can be found in the Barnardo's short [leaflet](#) for parents and carers about child sexual exploitation.

Child Exploitation

It was National Child Exploitation Awareness Day on 18th March. As a school this is something we cover in our curriculum in KS3 and KS4.

Sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse, in which a young person is manipulated or forced into taking part in a sexual act. This could be as part of what seems to be a consensual relationship, or it could be in return for attention, affection, money, drugs, alcohol or somewhere to stay.

The young person may think that their abuser is their friend, boyfriend or girlfriend, but the abuser will put them into dangerous situations, forcing the child or young person to do things that they don't want to do. The abuser could threaten them or be violent towards them.

Northamptonshire Police and Northampton Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) are running a joint campaign raising awareness of CSE – How to identify it and how to report it.

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

<http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/tackling-child-sexual-exploitation-cse-/>

Signs of CSE can be difficult to identify, varying greatly, but can include:

- going missing from home or care
- physical injuries
- misuse of drugs or alcohol
- involvement in offending
- repeat sexually-transmitted infections, pregnancies or terminations
- absenteeism from school
- deterioration in physical appearance
- evidence of online sexual bullying
- evidence of vulnerability on social networking sites
- emotional distance from family members
- receiving gifts from unknown sources
- recruiting others into exploitative situations
- poor mental health
- self-harming
- thinking about or attempting suicide
- involvement with gangs, gang fights, gang membership
- involved in abusive relationships, intimidated and fearful of certain people or situations.



Please also see the NSPCC site for more indicators:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/child-sexual-exploitation/> And NSCB <http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/parents-carers/signs-of-child-sexual-exploitation/>

Leaflet – Barnardo's Child sexual Exploitation – Guide for parents & carers

<http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/assets/files/159/Barnardos-spot-the-signs-parents.pdf>

TikTok - New Screentime Settings

TikTok have announced that over the coming weeks a new update to the app will automatically set up a 60-minute time limit for users under 18, if users wish to extend this they will have to input a code.

To read more click [HERE](#) and there is a good 'Guardian's Guide' from TikTok [HERE](#)



Digital Parenting Pro

Vodafone have created a fantastic resource for parents including information, YouTube videos, and an interactive resource providing information about parental controls and safety settings.

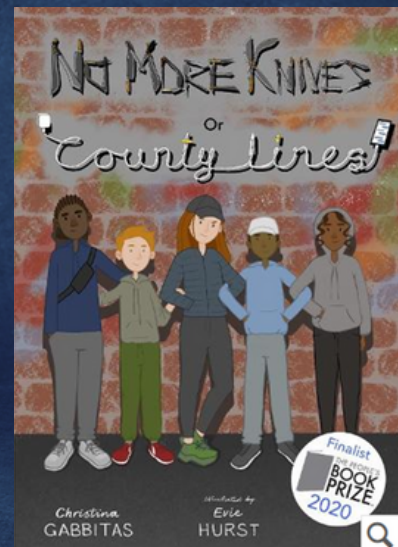
Everything is free and you can find further information [HERE](#).

No More Knives or County Lines – Christina Gabbitas

The link below takes you to an informative video on the subject of knife crime, county lines. The video is presented and written by Christina Gabbitas, an award winning author whose works include 'Roo and Sarge to the Rescue' and 'Felicity Fly in the Garden'. Made an honorary member of the NSPCC, she uses her draw with primary aged children to bring awareness of knife crime and drugs to younger children. Her drive in doing this is a belief in early intervention being the key to better outcomes.

In aid of this effort she produced the illustrated story, 'No More Knives or County Lines', a work that has been praised by various police forces up and down the country. The video is just over twenty five minutes, and an excellent watch. To find the video please follow the link :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2iQ34LO4Lc>



Raising Awareness of Male Domestic Violence – Mankind

Domestic abuse can often be perceived that the male is violent towards the female. However, men too can be affected by domestic violence, and in general are far less likely to come forward for help.

The Mankind Initiative is a UK organisation, seeking to raise awareness of Female-to-Male domestic violence, with a view to helping more men get out of abuse relationships. The Mankind organisation, was the first organisation in the UK dating back to 2001 and they're still going strong. To find out more, please follow the link below:

<http://www.mankind.org.uk/>

ALSO
It's/a crime
to beat a ~~woman~~

Teen Vaping on the Rise

Recently, the rise of teen vaping has been highlighted by the [BBC](#) and [The Guardian](#). It has been reported by schools that young people as young as ten have acquired illegal and unregulated vaping products, despite UK laws to prevent those under 18 from buying such products.

Medical professionals and campaigners are worried about the lack of research regarding the effects of vaping on the long-term health of children and young people and are calling for tighter rules regarding the packaging and advertising of vapes. You can learn more about vaping and young people with this [factsheet](#) from Action on Smoking and Health (ASH). ASH also provides [guidance](#) to support staff and help them put together their policies regarding vaping.

International Transgender Day of Visibility

31st March is [International Transgender Day of Visibility](#) and aims to raise awareness of the discrimination faced by transgender and non-binary people across the globe.

Recent years have seen an increase in young people questioning their gender identity, making them more vulnerable to [sexual harassment](#) and [bullying](#). The support of their education setting can make a significant difference to individuals facing prejudice and discrimination.

As a school we support our learners by:

- flexibility around school uniforms;
- using preferred names/pronouns, including changing the register;
- clear anti-bullying policies and procedures;
- staff training on gender nonconformity language.

We also have an LGBT+ group that meet weekly.

You can learn more about how to create an inclusive environment that allows individuals who may be curious about, or questioning, their gender identity to feel safe and accepted with these [resources](#) from Mentally Healthy Schools.

LGBTQ+ **LUNCH** **CLUB**

THURSDAYS
1:20-1:50PM
ROOM 1.13


WOOTTON PARK



Kingsthorpe Incident

You will have all been aware about the serious incident in Kingsthorpe, Northampton where a 16 year old tragically died. Since that time Community Partners have been working together in the local area to provide direct and wider support to the schools and communities affected.

In recognition of the school holiday please find attached information on the original email that has been pulled together by partners to provide information to parents about advice and activities over the holiday when schools are closed.

Reporting

A new national helpline for young people to call or text if they have concerns about friends or even themselves – it's free, anonymous and is open 24 hours, 365 days per year:

Call or text 116 000 or

Police: call 999 or 101 or

Safeguarding Hub: 0300 126 1000

Safeguarding Team at Wootton Park School

We hope you have a lovely Easter break. If you have any safeguarding concerns over the holiday please contact a member of our safeguarding team.

DSL – j.page@woottonparkschool.org.uk

Deputy DSL – s.mcdonnell@woottonparkschool.org.uk

07857 801573 or 07857 801568



Reporting a Safeguarding Concern

If you are concerned about the welfare or safety of a learner please speak to a member of the safeguarding team.



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Designated Safeguarding Lead



Sam MacDonnell

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Claire
Woodbridge



Corinna
Kerrou



Dan
Rosser



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