

# Safer Schools Newsletter

## September 2018

Welcome to the Autumn Safer Schools Newsletter and we hope you have all had a much deserved summer holiday. The new school year is under way and dare I say it, Christmas is fast approaching.

Before that many will be celebrating Halloween and Bonfire Night. You'll find some guidance for your students and staff across the page.

Please feel free to share information from this newsletter within your school community.

Unsure of all the routes to offer when dealing with safeguarding issues in your school? Then look no further! Attached to this newsletter is a document listing all the pathways for you to consider when faced with various safeguarding issues.



@Youth Engagement  
Officer LAKE

There have been a number of media reports about knife crime in recent months. At the end of last term we worked with school children from the Hewett and Ormiston Victory Academy to create a short video about dangerous weapons. The short film tells the story of a bullied young person who gets caught up with a group of people who behave anti-socially and whom, as a result, makes the decision to carry a knife. The video will be used as part of a wider presentation that we hope schools will accommodate as a preventative measure to divert young people away from knife crime. We will be contacting schools soon to organise a presentation from either a beat manager, SSP member of staff or an officer.



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We are now approaching the festivities of Halloween and Bonfire Night. Please can you remind your students that not everyone celebrates Halloween, so if they are out trick or treating to only go to houses with a pumpkin outside that have their lights on. Please remind your students not to go off alone and to stay in well-lit areas and ensure a parent / carer knows where they are going.

In relation to fireworks please remind your students it is an offence to possess, be sold, or use fireworks in a public place. Be safe, respectful and have fun!

## TRENDING NOW...

We often get asked the difference between 101 and 999 – please can you let staff and students know that 999 is for emergency only or if you can see a crime in progress. For example, if you can see someone breaking into a house, dial 999 – but call 101 if the burglary has already happened.

We just want to bring to your attention an instant messenger app (Kik). The BBC has recently reported that Kik has featured in more than 1100 child sexual abuse cases in the last five years. Please remind those students who may be using this app to only talk to people they have met in real life. Do not share personal information or inappropriate pictures. If they find themselves in a situation from unwanted contact they can report it, block the contact and to tell someone they trust. Further guidance can be found on [saferinternet.org.uk](http://saferinternet.org.uk)

## SOCIALS



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You can also follow our Cadet's Instagram account: @NorfolkCadets

## NEED A HAND?

Samaritans: [Samaritans.org](http://Samaritans.org) or call 116123  
ChildLine – 08001111 or visit [childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk)  
Mind (for better mental health) – 03001233393 or visit [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)  
NSPCC: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)  
Norfolk Police – Non-emergency 101 / Emergency 999  
Action for Children – [www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk)  
Safer Internet- [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

For those Sixth forms out there the constabulary is currently looking for volunteers who want to make a difference #becauseyoucan