



## Latest Safeguarding Newsletter – Summer edition 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

The information below is designed to familiarise you with the most recent safeguarding concerns that are being faced by all schools and colleges. South Dartmoor is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we will continue to provide materials for parents and carers outlining how schools, the Health Service, Police, Social Care and parents can work together to keep children safe. It is key to remember that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

All of the College's safeguarding policies and procedures are available via the quick links section of the College website and then accessing the safeguarding tab. We encourage all parents to view these documents to get an understanding of how South Dartmoor continues to keep children safe. The information placed on the website has recently been updated to include a number of key resources for parents to use with their children in regards to online safety and child sexual exploitation.

<http://www.southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk/policies/child-protection-and-safeguarding/>

We would advise all parents and carers to read the Child Protection and Safeguarding policy.

There will be a new "Keeping Children Safe in Education" document, which will come into effect from September 2018. There will be greater focus on schools paying due regard to;

- County Lines
- The impact of homelessness
- Supporting children through the court process
- Supporting children who have family members in prison
- Sexual harassment and violence

Please access the link below to view the draft government document.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/707761/Keeping\\_Children\\_Safe\\_in\\_Education\\_-\\_September\\_2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/707761/Keeping_Children_Safe_in_Education_-_September_2018.pdf)

## National Headlines – Child Sexual exploitation

The definition of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

*Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have*

*been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact, it can also occur through the use of technology.*

It is also important to emphasise that CSE is a form of child abuse.

**With the ever-increasing use of online gaming and social media communication, the risks to young people have also increased. All schools are dealing with increases in incidents involving online grooming and youth produced sexual imaginary.**

## **Some key facts**

- 75% of parents do not put parental controls on devices before handing to their children
- Average age for new smart phone is 8yrs old
- The Police are only aware of 5% of CSE cases in the UK
- There has been a 60% increase in the amount of reports regarding CSE
- 76% of children aged between 12-15 are online
- 7% of under 13 year olds have had a request for an indecent image
- 24% of under 13 year olds have had contact online from a person they have never met before

## **The BRECK Foundation**

**Lorin Lafave tragically had her son murdered after being groomed online. The perpetrator used her son's passion for gaming to make contact and over time isolate Breck from his Mum, and friends. I had the great privilege of listening to Lorin at the recent annual safeguarding conference in Exeter in June, telling her tragic, but powerful story in regards to the dangers online. Please use the links below to understand the battle Lorin went through to try to keep her son safe online. Lorin has created the BRECK foundation, which aims at spreading her story and passing on her experiences to other parents, teachers and agencies in the hope of preventing another tragic event. There are many lessons to be learnt from Lorin's tragic story. We encourage all parents to think about the following key points.**

- **Be aware e.g. believe it can happen**
- **Report e.g. Police and CEOP**
- **Educate e.g. talk through the dangers with your children**
- **Communication e.g. speak to school and other parents if you have concerns**
- **Keep safe e.g. know the warning signs**

**Please use the link below to access more detail about Lorin's story.**

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2016/jan/23/breck-bednar-murder-online-grooming-gaming-lorin-lafave>

**Online safety advice for parents.**

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Lorin+LaFave%e2%80%99s+Story&&view=detail&mid=78172090BFBD2A3113B478172090BFBD2A3113B4&&FORM=VDRVRV>

**SAFEKIDS.COM have provided below some key tips in regards to keeping safe online.**



1. I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number without my parents' permission.
2. I will tell my parents right away if I come across something that makes me feel uncomfortable.
3. I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring a parent along.
4. I will talk with my parents about posting pictures of myself or others online and not post any pictures that my parents consider to be inappropriate.
5. I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online and using a mobile phone. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.
6. I will not give out my passwords to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents.
7. I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could possibly hurt our computer or mobile device or jeopardize my family's privacy.
8. I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.

## Some advice on how to set up a device safely for use

- **Safari:** Go to Settings/General/Restrictions and then set up the restrictions you think are necessary. This may be restricting certain content, sites, apps, podcasts, music, apps for only 5 year olds etc.
- **YouTube:** go to settings/tap on safe search filtering/tap on strict (For younger kids the [YouTube Kids app](#) is now available. Be aware that this uses up a lot of data when not on Wi-Fi)
- **Turn off in app purchases:** settings/general/restrictions/tap on in-app purchases to off (not green)
- **Disallow the uploading or deleting of apps:** settings/general/restrictions/installing apps or deleting apps
- **Guided access** can be used for younger children or anytime you want them to [stay within an app](#) and not leave and go to other apps or sites. Go to settings/general/accessibility, scroll to learning, click Guided Access and toggle it on.

- **Disable safari browser:** (settings/general/restrictions/allowed content) if you don't want them to be able to search anything.
- **Make iTunes safe:** anything that has been downloaded on your iTunes account on other devices can be accessed on new devices so if you want to keep this separate, then go to iTunes on your computer, go to edit, preferences and click parental. You can decide which shows and ratings are appropriate for this device.

## Safeguarding monthly focus – County Lines

County lines is the police term for urban gangs supplying drugs to suburban areas and market and coastal towns using dedicated mobile phone lines or “deal lines”.

It involves child criminal exploitation (CCE) as gangs use children and vulnerable people to move drugs and money. Gangs establish a base in the market location, typically by taking over the homes of local vulnerable adults by force or coercion

County lines is a major, cross-cutting issue involving drugs, violence, gangs, safeguarding, criminal and sexual exploitation, modern slavery, and missing persons; and the response to tackle it involves the police, the National Crime Agency, a wide range of Government departments, Local Government Agencies

Some indicators of county lines involvement and exploitation are; persistently going missing from school or home, unexplained acquisition of money, clothes, or mobile phones, significant decline in school results / performance and self-harm or significant changes in emotional well-being.

For more information regarding County Lines, please use the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/county-lines-criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults>

## How to Report concerns

If you have concerns about terrorism, you must call your concern through to:

- Anti-Terrorist Hotline: 0800 789 321
- Crime stoppers: **0800 555 111**
- CEOP <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>
- (South West ) Police **101**
- NSPCC 0808 800 5000



## College contacts

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Parents are, as always, asked to report safeguarding concerns to the College so that we can provide support and guidance and, where necessary, access external agency support, with the aim of keeping the young person safe from harm. Safeguarding concerns can be reported to your son/daughter's Performance Leader or directly to me as the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

May I remind all parents that the College has a reporting button on the College website which enables students and parents to report concerns to the College anonymously? We do encourage parents and students to use the report button to give specific details of the event to facilitate a faster resolution. The "report an issue button" is situated on the right hand side of the College home page above the upcoming events tab and is also linked within the Child Protection and Safeguarding page.



Please may I remind parents that the report button can also be used to raise concerns regarding bus travel to and from College? The information provided will be used to enforce the Local Authority's 'code of conduct'.

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays, and you need support, you are advised to speak to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). To find out more about the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) please visit; [www.devon.gov.uk/childprotection](http://www.devon.gov.uk/childprotection).

If you are concerned about a child or young person in Devon, and want to speak to someone, contact the MASH on **0345 155 1071** and give as much information as you can. **Please see MASH information poster below.**

Parents can also access confidential support and advice through, Child line 0800 1111

If you have any safeguarding questions in regards to the links included in the newsletter, or have questions about our safeguarding procedures at South Dartmoor, please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the details above.

Yours faithfully,



Dan Vile - Designated Safeguarding Lead



**For Early Help, Consultation and Enquiries please contact:**

Telephone: **0345 155 1071**

E-mail: [mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk)

Fax: 01392 448951

Enquiry Form available at:

[www.devon.gov.uk/mash-enquiryform.doc](http://www.devon.gov.uk/mash-enquiryform.doc)

Post: **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, P.O. Box 723, Exeter EX1 9QS**

**Emergency Duty Team** – out of hours

**0845 6000 388**

**Police** – non emergency – 101

**For all LADO enquiries** Exeter (01392) 384964

Or

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/lado>