



Sussex Police



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Welcome to our Sussex Police Youth Safety & Intervention Team newsletter.

The aim of the newsletter is to provide you with snapshots of information that is relevant to you all.

If you have any information/news that I can share, then please let me know and I'll do my best to include it in future mailings.

However please make contact if you wish to be removed from the mailing list or if you would like the newsletter to be sent to a different email address. youthsafety@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Please note that some of the information has been included in this bulletin by partners and other organisations. In including the information this does not mean that Sussex Police are endorsing this work.

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The latest digital trends?

Check out [Parent Zone's FREE parent guides](#) for information on all the latest websites, apps and digital trends. From live-streaming platform Twitch to popular online game Fortnite, they have covered what you need to know. Take a look the expert advice and share with parents and guardians.

Update over schools hoax bomb threats

A teenager has been arrested over hoax bomb threats sent to thousands of schools. The 18-year-old is the third teenager to be arrested over malicious communications sent earlier this year to schools in the UK and US.

He was arrested on suspicion of making threats to kill, blackmail and malicious communications.

National Crime Agency officers arrested the suspect at the home he shares with his family in Hampshire.

NCA senior investigating officer Marc Horsfall said: "The series of bomb threats caused huge worry and inconvenience to thousands of innocent people.

"Anyone thinking that law enforcement doesn't take such offences very seriously should really think again.



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Teaching resources to raise awareness of the issue of cybercrime amongst young people.

Cyber Security Challenge UK has developed a working partnership with the NCA to produce free teaching resources to help parents and teachers across the UK to raise awareness of the issue of cybercrime amongst young people.

<https://www.cybersecuritychallenge.org.uk/education/schools/parents>

Parental responsibility: guidance

The Department for Education has published guidance to help schools and local authorities in England understand and deal with issues relating to parental responsibility as recognised by education law, in particular in situations where parental responsibility can be confusing or unclear.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dealing-with-issues-relating-to-parental-responsibility?utm_source=68c841e4-dc28-4cd9-9175-f95a93c7e9dc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Resources on preventing teenage relationship abuse

The PSHE Association has published teaching resources designed to support the government's Disrespect NoBody campaign to help prevent abusive behaviours within young people's relationships.

[Disrespect NoBody campaign](#)



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Fearless

Fearless is the Crimestoppers brand for young people. Fearless is a site where young people can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. What makes this site different is it also provide young people with a safe place to give information about crime - 100% anonymously.

Please can you promote this site with young people, as we know that some of them would like to give information about crime that is being committed but are frighten to be seen as snitching on people?

<https://www.fearless.org/en/professionals>

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, by police, prior to the school day when a pupil of theirs has been involved in or exposed to a domestic incident. The information is given to a trained 'key adult' at the school. The key adult can then facilitate silent or overt support dependant on the needs and wishes of the child.

The anticipated benefits are:

- The provision of early support and care for children in the aftermath of domestic abuse incidents
- Reduction in the adverse impact of domestic abuse on children
- Improved multi-agency working and information sharing in safeguarding children

Operation Encompass has been working well in West Sussex, with over 80% of schools signed up. If you are a school in West Sussex and have not signed up yet please email operation.encompass@sussex.pnn.police.uk

To keep you up to date, in East Sussex we will be starting a pilot in Hastings soon. Brighton and Hove we have briefed around half of the schools and will start once we get sign off the secure method to send these notification to be complaint with GDPR.