

SAFE & Well



Gartree High School's Termly Safeguarding Bulletin

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Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of our Termly Safeguarding update for Parents and Carers. We hope to use this bulletin as a way to proactively communicate with you regarding any safeguarding updates, advice or discuss any current issues in the hopes of working together to keep your children safe and well.

Be on the lookout for...



Please be on the lookout for bracelets like the one shown above. These items have begun to be found and used in England and images and warnings of them have been circulated by Police to relevant organisations such as schools and hospitals. They are designed to look like a bracelet, but when unclashed a blade is revealed.

We would also like to take this opportunity to be clear that these haven't been seen amongst our students.



Operation Encompass

We are working in Partnership with Leicestershire Police, along with all other Leicester Schools, to improve outcomes for children and families affected by domestic violence and abuse.

This means that the Police will inform school when any domestic abuse incident has been reported to the police and one of our pupils was in the household. This information will be used to ensure that we are able to provide appropriate support to our pupils. The information will remain **confidential**. Please see our website or the following link for more information:

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/emergencies-safety-and-crime/domestic-and-sexual-abuse/>

News Just In!

We look forward to welcoming AlterEgo Theatre Company on Tuesday 10th March who will be performing a "County Lines" production to our Year 9s.



Online Safety

As social Media becomes more popular and finds its way into all of our homes it is important to be aware of the latest platforms and potential areas for concern. Each Term we will try to give parents more information around this area. This edition we give an overview of some of the most popular Apps being used by our young people.

FIFTEEN APPS

PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Courtesy of the
Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
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MEETME



MEETME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

GRINDR



GRINDR is a dating app geared towards gay, bi and transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phone's GPS location.

SKOUT



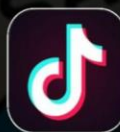
SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.

WHATSAPP



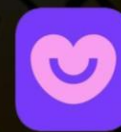
WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails, make calls and video chats worldwide. WHATSAPP uses an internet connection on smart phones and computers.

TIKTOK



TIKTOK is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.

BADOO



BADOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.

BUMBLE



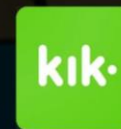
BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

KIK



KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

LIVEME



LIVE.ME is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.

HOLLA



HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

WHISPER



WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.

ASK.FM



ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% is only one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.

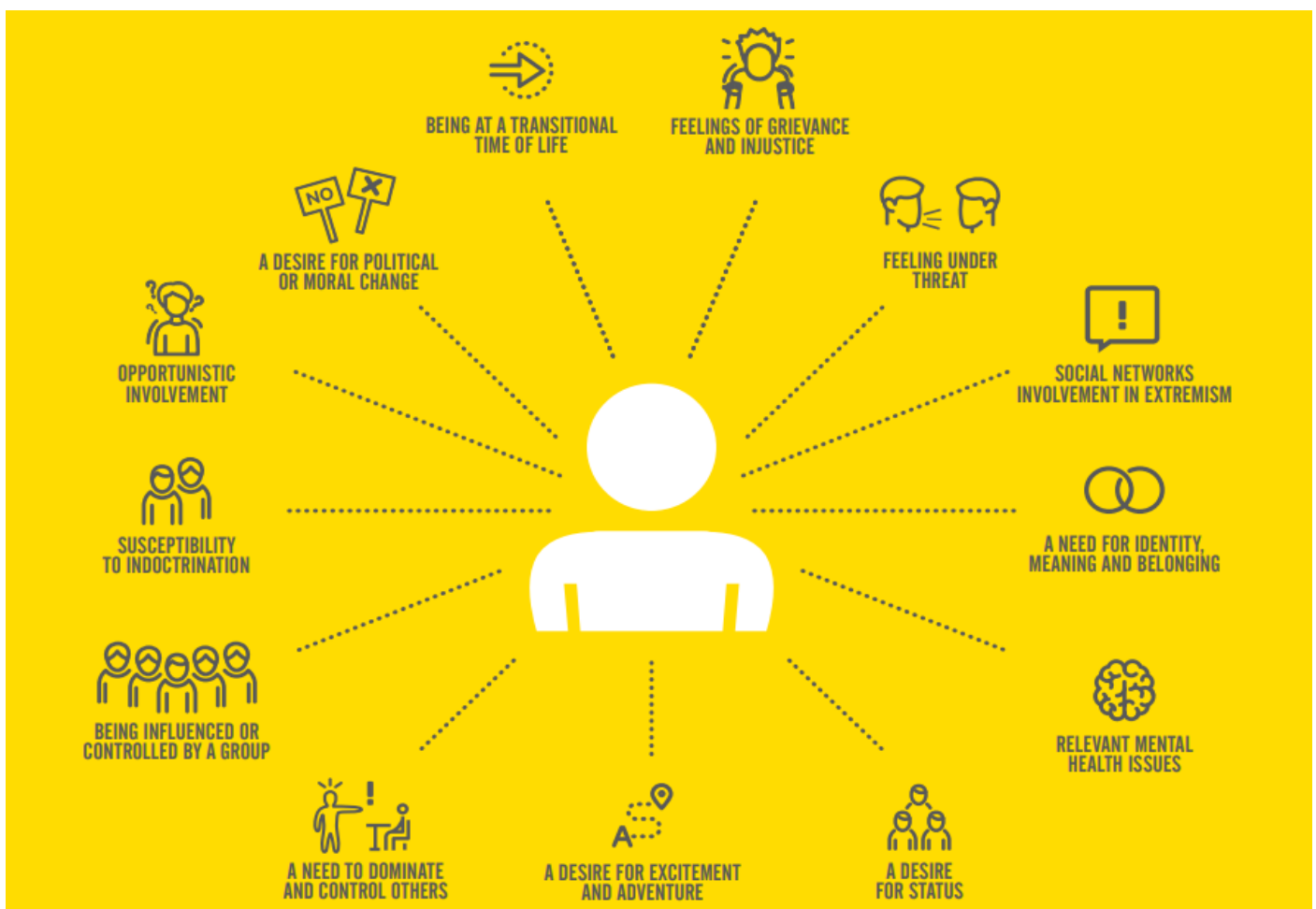


PREVENT

PREVENT is part of the Government's Anti-terrorism strategy CONTEST and aims to identify and support young people at risk of radicalisation before they become involved in extremist behaviour that could lead to Terrorism.

School staff are trained to identify warning signs that might indicate a young person is at risk and then offer support and/or refer to the appropriate agency. For more information please see the following website: <https://www.itai.info/>

Please also see below for potential warning signs of people vulnerable to radicalisation. Please be aware that not all of these may be present and that these do not necessarily mean a young person is being radicalised. Feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.



Student Details

As part of our Safeguarding responsibilities it is important that we have the correct details regarding students' contact details, medical information etc. Please remember to update these by contacting us: admin@gartree.leics.sch.uk or 0116 2717421





To all Parents/Carers of young people in Years 7 - 9

Is your young person cycling and travelling independently to/from school, or are they asking you if they can but you're not sure they have the necessary skills to cycle on busier and more complex roads - TJunction can help!

TJunction are currently offering FREE Level 3 Bikeability training and have availability during February half term. Bikeability is government-recognised, practical and professional training, meaning that cyclists are more skilled and more confident once they've taken part. Bikeability Level 3 training is delivered in groups of up to 3 so can be tailored to a rider's individual needs.

The Bikeability Level 3 course aims to develop riders' skills and confidence so they can ride in diverse road environments, including complex, often busy roads and junctions, sometimes with speed limits above 30 mph. Successful demonstration of National Standard assessment criteria in Bikeability Level 2 is a prerequisite for participation in Bikeability Level 3.

For more information and to secure your place, follow this link

<http://www.tjunction.org.uk/bikeability>



Useful Websites/Contacts:

- www.itai.info/ - PREVENT information and advice.
- www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk – Anti-Bullying information and advice
- www.bullying.co.uk – Anti-Bullying information and advice
- www.nspcc.org.uk – Support for many areas around child welfare/wellbeing
- www.childrenssociety.org.uk/ - Charity supporting vulnerable children
- www.childline.org.uk/ - Information and advice in lots of areas
- www.youngminds.org – Information and advice for young peoples’ Mental Health, including a great section for Parents
- www.net-aware.org.uk/ - Parent guides to Apps and gaming
- www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/topics/safety-and-privacy/ - Online safety
- www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider - How to set Parental controls on your internet
- <https://lrsb.org.uk/> - Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Board
- www.firstcontactplus.org.uk/ - Leicestershire advice and support
- www.fearless.org/en/campaigns/county-lines - Information on “County Lines”

