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Safeguarding and Wellbeing under the current exceptional circumstances

We seek to do everything we reasonably can to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students. I am sure you will appreciate that there are limits to this outside of school hours and especially during the current exceptional circumstances. We have compiled the following information and recommendations to support you and your children.

Blue Button – Students can access Safeguarding and Welfare telephone support. Students can seek telephone support from a safeguarding trained staff member. Students can press the Blue 'I Want To Talk' button available via their student portal account. A safeguarding trained staff member (usually the LOLA) will call within school hours either the same day or the following day.

Parents with safeguarding and welfare issues - We have launched an emergency telephone (07435 466780) number during school hours for supporting parents with safeguarding and welfare issues. This number is manned between 9am and 3pm each weekday by a safeguarding trained member of staff.

Let us know if there have been any issues that we need to be aware of as soon as possible so we can respond promptly and appropriately when school reopens.

Contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) if you feel they should be aware of an issue. Members of the public can call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on **0300 500 80 80** or make an online referral via the following link

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/safeguarding/childrens-mash/report-a-new-concern-about-a-child>

Contact the police straight away if you believe a child is in immediate danger

E-Safety

We would recommend that you monitor closely your child's online activity and particularly on social media. Many of the problems you may have to deal with may relate to antisocial behaviour that has taken place online during absences. If your child is being seriously abused online contact the police. Our E-Safety Policy can be found at

<http://www.suttonacademy.atrust.org.uk/academy/about-us/policies/e-safety-6/>

Sutton Community Academy is committed to ensuring that all students will be able to use existing, as well as up and coming technologies safely. We are also committed to ensuring that all those who work with students; as well as their parents, are educated as to the dangers that exist so that they can take an active part in safeguarding children and young people.

We are also committed to following all relevant statutory guidance including 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' September 2019. In respect of this guidance we seek to ensure that we focus educating our students and staff on the three key areas of risk:

- content: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material
- contact: being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users
- conduct: personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm.

The Think U Know website is full of advice for young people and their parents and we strongly recommend that you make yourself familiar with this advice. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

When should I report to CEOP?

CEOP help children to stay safe online. Has someone acted inappropriately towards a child or young person you know? It may be sexual chat, being asked to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable or someone being insistent on meeting up. If you are concerned go to the CEOP website to find out further information and if necessary make a report. <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Cybercrime

The following website offers important guidance for parents regarding cyber-crime and how to avoid young people becoming perpetrators or victims: <https://www.cyber4schools.net/>

Websites to support young people

Childline

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

For stress and wellbeing and Mental Health Issues: Young Minds

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Relationships:

<https://www.relate.org.uk/relationship-help/help-children-and-young-people>

Counselling: Kooth

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Bereavement: Winston's Wish

<https://www.winstonswish.org/>

Drugs: Frank:

<https://talktofrank.com/>

Bullying:

<http://www.beyondbullying.com/>

Health Worries: Health for teens

<https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/>

Young Carers: Carers Trust

<https://carers.org/article/help-and-advice-former-babble-and-matter-members>