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Happy Christmas

We hope you have had a good term and are looking forward to the Christmas break.

This edition of our newsletter will cover some of the work that the Child Centred policing teams have been doing as well as highlight upcoming projects.

As always if you have a general enquiry, please contact childcentredpolicing@kent.police.uk



News

Safer Internet Day 11th February 2025

The UK Safer Internet Centre have announced that this year's theme is 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. Each year they aim to cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. The theme is created in collaboration with young people across the UK and this year will focus on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them. Child Centred Policing have an online safety session in support of "Too good to be true?" theme and your local teams will be coordinating this so please feel free to make contact for more information.

Christmas

Christmas brings lots of new gadgets and gizmos for young people. Kent police would advise family's that all packaging for these items are disposed of sensibly so as to reduce crime by not highlighting that a household has a new laptop, xbox, tv etc. With these new devices bring the concerns around online safety and how parents keep their children safe online. Please see below links and the additional attachments sent with this newsletter around parental guidance.

[Online Safety Guidance for Parents | SWGfL](#)

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Resources | Childnet](#)

[Online Safety Leaflets & resources - Internet Matters](#)

[Parental Controls on Smartphones & Other Devices - Internet Matters](#)

[Inclusive Digital Safety advice for Parents and Carers | Internet Matters](#)

[Guardian's guide to TikTok](#)

[Parental Guide for Teens on Instagram | About Instagram](#)

[How to guide for parents – snapchat – Internet Matters](#)

Recent Projects

Anti bullying week

During the week of the 11th November, our divisional Child Centred Policing Teams worked tirelessly through the school week, in both secondary and primary schools delivering key messaging about anti-

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bullying. Our central team created a bespoke package for delivery in conjunction with the anti-bullying alliance, which the divisional teams presented to over 10,000 students in all corners of the county. Anti-bullying is a key week for our Child Centred Policing Teams as it is a great opportunity to work with students to give them the confidence to recognise the signs when they or a friend are being bullied and also the confidence to be able to speak up and say something when it is safe to do so. Bullying can often sadly lead to more serious crimes if it is not dealt with in the correct way. The theme of this years Anti-Bullying campaign was centred around respect for everyone and carried the key theme of 'The behaviour we walk past is the behaviour we accept.'



Operation Chalkboard

Just a reminder for you on the use of operation chalkboard when calling Police. It relates to serious offences that require urgent assistance where:

- A serious incident occurs to a **child** on the **way to or from school**
- There are trespassers on school grounds who are posing a serious threat to pupils, staff or parents
- There are visitors to the school who are or are perceived to be posing a threat to pupils, staff or parents
- Any other incident occurs whereby there is an immediate risk to the physical safety of any person legitimately on school premises

Parent Teacher Conference

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our first online workshop for parents and teachers. The event will be held on Microsoft teams Wednesday 22nd January 2025 1600 -1700 hours. The subject covered will be "sextortion" and will give guidance on what this is, signs to look out for and what to do if you or someone you know finds themselves a victim of this crime type.

[Please click here to register for the event](#)

We would like to hear from you on future subject matters. What would you like learn more about and build your knowledge on.....please make contact with suggestions childcentredpolicing@kent.police.uk



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Who to contact across the county

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