



**Welcome to the Ercall Wood
Safeguarding Bulletin**

Issue 7

**Welcome to the first edition of our
Autumn term Newsletter**

From the Ercall Wood Academy Safeguarding Team. We aim to bring you all the latest, relevant help and advice on issues that we felt would be of importance to you. We hope you find the safeguarding newsletters insightful!

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**Parental Guidance out of school's
settings**

Parents' guidance for peace of mind! Many of our parents and carers will be looking for childcare providers and other out of school settings. Last year the government published a voluntary code of practice for out of school's settings. The guidance covers: The parents' guide is also available in several community languages (links are at the top right of the web page) Download the 'Guidance for parents and carers' [here](#):

E Scooters – the law!



E-scooters are classed as Powered transporters. They are very appealing to young people especially, but are you aware of the law surrounding their use together with the risk of being prosecuted.

Did you know?

E-scooters are illegal for use in any public space unless rented as part of a government-approved

Riding an e-scooter on the road is against the law as per the Road Traffic Act of 1988 and the Highway Act of 1835

E-scooters are prohibited from being used on cycle tracks, cycle lanes on roads, or other spaces dedicated to pedal cycle use only

Privately owned e-scooters can only be ridden on private land!
Please click link for all the important information you [need](#).

What are edibles?



Edibles are food products that may contain cannabis. There are many forms of edibles, including sweets, gummies, and lollipops. What are the worries? Edibles take between 1-3 hours to have an effect because food is absorbed into the bloodstream through the liver, because it takes longer, the person taking them may end up consuming larger amounts of the drug while thinking the drug is not working. As edibles may look like other products, there is also the risk someone may ingest them without realising they contain drugs - this could include other children in the home.

Displayed side effects may include paranoia, panic attacks, nausea, impaired mobility, hyperactivity, elevated heart rate, hallucinations.

What can you do? Monitoring food packaging/wrappers, looking for wording such as CBD or THC suggesting the items are cannabis oil infused. In an immediate medical emergency call 999. If you are made aware of any social media accounts advertising these items, please report information to the police, school, or Crime Stoppers. For support and information, you can go to Talk to Frank by clicking on the link below. www.talktofrank.com

County Lines Indicators



- Frequently going missing from school, home, or care

- Travelling to locations, being found in different areas
- Unwillingness to explain their whereabouts
- Acquiring unaccountable money, clothes, accessories, or mobile phones
- Receiving excessive texts or phone calls at all hours of the day
- Having multiple mobile phone handsets or sim cards • Withdrawing or having sudden changes in personality, behaviour
- Having relationships with controlling or older individuals and groups
- Unexplained injuries, carrying weapons
- Significant decline in school results or performance • Being isolated from peers or social networks
- Associating with or being interested in gang culture
- Self-harming or having significant changes in mental health (Ministry of Justice, 2019)

[For help and further information on County Lines please click links below for essential parental guidance/advice. Parent information leaflet -County Lines](#)

[Children's society Guide to County Lines](#)

This new dedicated helpline provides support to both children and adults who have experienced sexual abuse in educational settings or has concerns about someone or the issues raised. Support and advice include how to contact the police and report crimes if they wish. The helpline will also provide support to parents too. More information is available at the dedicated helpline for victims of abuse in schools NSPCC.

[New NSPCC helpline](#)

Parents Protect



'Parents Protect' have developed a [programme of learning for parents](#), carers and professionals which aims to provide the

information needed to define and understand child abuse and sexual exploitation, how to recognise the signs of possible abuse and shows you how to develop a family safety plan and who to talk to if you are concerned.

Their helpline: [0800 1000 900](tel:08001000900)

Safeguarding Network also have an article for schools to take action on [sibling sexual abuse](#).

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