

## Kendrick School: Round up of Safeguarding Information – December 2023

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

The Anti-Bullying Week theme this year as **'Make a noise about bullying'**. We shared information with students and parents about bullying throughout Term 2 including 'What is banter and what is bullying'.

There is more information on **when banter becomes bullying** in the **Wellbeing Newsletter** which you can access [HERE](#).

For advice on **different types of bullying and how you can get help support** please visit **Childline** [HERE](#). Alternatively, students can speak to any **member of staff, a Wellbeing Ambassador** or the **Student Welfare Team** who are based in the General Office or Sixth Form Building.

We also shared information about **Cyber Bullying** from an organisation called [Family Lives](#). Cyberbullying is any form of bullying which takes place online or through smartphones and tablets. Social networking sites, messaging apps, gaming sites and chat rooms such as Facebook, Xbox Live, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat and other chat rooms can be great fun and a positive experience. But what do you do when things go wrong? For more information please click [here](#).

#### Useful websites with support for bullying

[Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)

[Childline](#) – bullying on social media.

[Childline](#) – types of bullying and where to go for help.

[Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command](#)

[YoungMinds](#)

### VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) SAFETY ADVICE

SOURCE: [NSPCC](#)

Last year NSPCC published new straightforward advice for families on how to keep children safe when using virtual reality including utilising the device's safety features and supervising children's use as they navigate both the virtual risks and physical space around them.

Counsellors at Childline have also heard from young people with experiences of virtual reality and who are increasingly aware of the isolating nature of the headsets and the ease at which predators can take advantage of the anonymity this unregulated online platform offers.

Please read the advice and information in full [here](#).

### ONLINE SAFETY

#### What parents and carers need to know about...

[HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING](#)

[X \(formally Twitter\)](#)

[DISNEY+](#)

[MICROTRANSACTIONS](#)

[SMART TVS](#)

[BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY](#)

### STAYING SAFE ON BONFIRE NIGHT

We shared information on how to keep everyone safe on Bonfire Night and, in particular, staying safe around fireworks. However, fireworks are used in all kinds of celebrations so the information below is valid all year round.

