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Re. Safeguarding and Police updates

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you and your families are well at this time.

The school receive regular safeguarding updates from the police that we would like to share with you to ensure that you can advise your children on keeping safe over half term:

Increase in Coventry City Centre Robberies

Teenagers are being targeted for robberies of mobile phones and cash in the city centre. Please remind your children to take safe routes and not to have their valuables on show as they navigate through the city centre. We would not advise hanging around the city centre and if travelling through the city centre please advise children to walk with friends.

Dangerous Drink

There is a dangerous drink called "Lean" being sold to young people in and around Coventry. Lean is an illicit drink made up of Codeine, an antihistamine and a mixture of cough syrup, sprite and sweeteners of varying quantities. It can be identified by it's colour which is usually bright pink or purple in colour and sold in pop/water bottles with a distinctive cough mixture smell. Often referred to as "purple drank" or "sizzurp".

Dangerous trend

There is an extremely dangerous trend circulating in the Coventry area which is known as 'Pass out or Tap out' whereby one person grabs the other around the neck from behind and chokes/strangles them. They either pass out or tap out. There has been a recent incident whereby a Coventry student has lost consciousness.

Sharing of Inappropriate Images

The police have received an increase in young people reporting the sharing of inappropriate images also known as 'nudes' or 'sexting'. It's important that parents/carers have open conversations with your child about what they are doing online and especially about the types of content they are sharing. The NSPCC have a useful guide for parents that you can access via this link:-[Sharing nudes and semi-nudes | NSPCC](#) If you are concerned that there is an inappropriate image of your child online please notify the school and use the Report Remove tool that you can access via this link:-
[Report Remove: Remove a nude image shared online | Childline](#)



If you have any safeguarding concerns please seek further advice via our website [Cardinal Newman Catholic School - Safeguarding \(cncs.school\)](https://www.cncs.school) or contact school on 02476 332382 to speak to one of our safeguarding team.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr A Williams

Senior Assistant Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead