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Re: Safeguarding Update

Dear Parents or Carers,

I would like to introduce myself as I have recently joined Corby Technical School as Vice Principal for Student Care. Part of my role, along with wider pastoral responsibilities, is the role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead. The Designated Safeguarding Lead takes the lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. While the systems at Corby Technical School may be different, I do come with experience of this role in my previous school setting.

This week I will be leading assemblies for each year group. The first part of the assembly will remind students who they can speak to in school if they are worried about their own safety or the safety of other students, either inside or outside of school. We will be also educating students on the topic of sexual harassment and violence including the behaviours that are neither acceptable at Corby Technical School nor within the wider society. This is a local policing priority and will be the theme for this year's County Schools Challenge. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind students of how we educate and support them in issues relating to consent and appropriate behaviours. I wanted to let you know as some students may leave with questions or wishing to discuss these themes. Often students feel safer to discuss these things at home but do please get in touch if you require support from the school with these conversations.

As part of the wider safeguarding team, we have two Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, of who you may also know - Mrs Toye and Mr Scott. Should you need speak to one of them, please do not hesitate to call the Student Support Team using our main school number and dialling extension option 2.

During assembly, students are going to be signposted to a website called 'streetsafe' that you can find [here](#). This is a service linked to the police whereby you can report safety concerns in public places without giving your name. This includes issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings or vandalism as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following you or being verbally abusive.

We have also recently introduced a student wellbeing committee. This is a group of students who represent the wider student body and meet regularly to discuss issues of student safety and wellbeing so that we can hear a student perspective. This group is led by a sixth form leader and supported by Mrs Toye. Should your child wish to be involved, please do ask them to come and speak to me.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be asking students to complete a questionnaire, so we can receive a more detailed response to students' views so we can reflect, review and adapt should we need to which in turn should have a positive impact on the wider student population.

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via enquiries@corbytechnicalschool.org I look forward to meeting your child and/or you over the next term.

Yours sincerely,



Miss D Eddy
Vice Principal