



# Parent/Carer Bulletin

## 5 October 2018

Week B	
8/10	Year 7 Challenge Day Brokerswood LG 1&4 6th Form UWE Geography talk , Lecture Theatre 3.15-4pm
9/10	Year 7 Challenge Day Brokerswood, LG 2&3 Year 9, Real Tour Theatre Visit Wiltshire Music Centre 1.15-3pm
10/10	Year 7 Challenge Day Brokerswood LG 6&7 Y12 Safe Drive, Staying Alive Roadshow, Trowbridge 9.15am-12 Noon
11/10	Year 7 Challenge Day, LG 5&8 Y11 Subject Evening 4.30- 7.30pm
12/10	Y6 Parents Open Morning 9am

### Collective Worship Theme: Loyalty

*"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out"*

Gary Moore

Lorraine Marlow, "Spiritual Development Coordinator"

### Absence Line/Registration

Y7-13 01225 309501

[attendance@st-laurence.com](mailto:attendance@st-laurence.com)

### Restaurant Menus

Filepath on website: <https://st-laurence.com/documents-and-forms>

Have you looked at the latest on-line version of Connect?

<https://st-laurence.com/newsletters>

### Lockers

As we have a small number of lockers available, we will be conducting a draw. If you would like your child to have a locker, please email [katlil@st-laurence.com](mailto:katlil@st-laurence.com) with your child's full name and tutor group. Closing date is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct at 3pm, all names will be put into a draw and recipients will be notified on Mon 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### Road Closure and Travel Delays

As reported in last week's bulletin There are significant roadworks being undertaken on Frome Road between the roundabout at Junction Road and the start of St Margaret's Street one way system, as a result of which this section of road is closed between 9am and 3pm on weekdays (Mon-Fri) until 10th October.

Travellers driving in a Northbound direction will have an extensive diversion route taking them through Trowbridge. For those travelling in a Southbound direction a short diversion route along St Margaret's one way system and Junction Road will be in place. However, long delays will be expected due to the narrow nature of the road network in the town. It is advised that drivers travelling through Bradford on Avon seek a different route well before they reach the town where possible or add time to their journey.

Please see the following link to Bradford on Avon Town Council website for an update on Frome Road Closure 3rd – 10th October: <https://bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk/2018/09/update-frome-road-closure/>

### Digital Parenting

We recognise that parents and carers wish to provide digital protection for their children and promote safe usage. As within school, there is a need to combine education with responsible oversight and to impose age appropriate controls over access to online materials and time spent with multi-media devices. Each week we publish an infographic with some excellent examples of advice in respect to discussing e-safety with young people and understanding how to deploy home filtering. We are aware that these might not always reproduce well in this format and recommend that you access the link below to the weekly infographic. When we publish an infographic in future we will also post an accompanying link for you to access the information in larger format. This week's theme is "What parents need to know about online grooming" and can be accessed here: <https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Grooming-Parents-Guide-September-2018-1.pdf>.

## KS4 Wider Reading Lists

Wider reading is a fundamental part of a child's all-round education, and we try to encourage this at school as part of the key stage 4 English curriculum. In short, reading opens so many doors for students both in school and beyond. Amongst other things, it improves literacy and vocabulary, knowledge of the world, and empathy. The following lists have been produced by English faculty and ILC staff in order to complement the reading that takes place in lessons. Some set texts are listed below, but do check with your child's English teacher for which texts they have chosen.

### Set texts can include:

The Woman in Black – Susan Hill

An Inspector Calls – J.B. Priestley

Macbeth – William Shakespeare

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde – Robert Louis Stevenson

### Further reading:

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy – Douglas Adams

The Bunker Diary – Kevin Brooks

Junk – Melvin Burgess

Looking for JJ – Anne Cassidy

Postcards from No-man's Land – Aiden Chambers

The Killing Woods – Lucy Christopher

The Moonstone - Wilkie Collins

Heroes - Robert Cormier

The Earth is Singing – Vanessa Curtis

Blood Family – Anne Fine

The Bone Sparrow – Zana Fraillon

How Not to Disappear – Clare Furniss

Hate – Alan Gibbons

Lord of the Flies – William Golding

Brighton Rock – Graham Greene

After the Fire – Will Hill

The Smell of Other People's Houses - Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock

There Will Be Lies – Nick Lake

We Were Liars – E Lockhart

Where the World Ends – Geraldine McCaughrean

The Stars at Oktober Bend – Glenda Millard

Chaos Walking Trilogy – Patrick Ness

The Rest of Us Just Live Here – Patrick Ness

All the Bright Places – Jennifer Niven

1984 – George Orwell

How I Live Now – Meg Rosoff

Revolver – Marcus Sedgwick

Salt to the Sea – Ruta Sepetys

Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck

Concentr8 – William Sutcliffe

Gulliver's Travels – Jonathan Swift

Lies We Tell Ourselves – Robin Talley

The Hate U Give – Angie Thomas  
 War of the Worlds – H.G. Wells

**For more recommendations visit:**

[www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com) [www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk)



Grooming is when someone befriends and builds an emotional connection with a child to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse or exploitation. They can do this both offline and online, with technology and the internet being commonly used to initiate and facilitate contact with a child. Grooming victims' trust is a key part of engaging them in sexually explicit behaviour. The groomer, who can either be a stranger or someone a child already knows, needs to use tactics such as engaging in small talk or exchanging personal information with the child about hobbies and relationships, using flattery and gifts to build a rapport or even making threats and intimidation to gain control. This can take place over varying periods of time – from a few days to several years.



# What parents need to know about ONLINE GROOMING

## NUMBERS OF GROOMING OFFENCES ARE SOARING

In April 2017, a new government law came into force in England and Wales to allow police to charge adults who send sexual messages to children through mobile phones and social media. In the first year since the law change, there were 5,000 police recorded offences of sexual communication with a child – a figure 50 per cent higher than experts expected in the first year.

**ALL CHILDREN ARE AT RISK**  
According to a 2016 NSPCC report, a quarter of young people have experienced an adult who they don't know in real life trying to contact them online. One in four said they had been sent messages, images, videos or other content that made them feel sad, worried or uncomfortable. One in 10 girls and one in 20 boys under the age of 13 said they had received unwanted sexual messages.



## CHILDREN ARE VULNERABLE TARGETS

Groomers use psychological tricks and methods to try and isolate children from their families and friends and will often choose to target more vulnerable children who may be easier to manipulate. In order to seek potential victims, groomers are likely to use apps and websites that are popular with children and young people. Groomers can use a 'scattergun' approach to find victims, contacting hundreds online to increase their chance of success.

## LIVE STREAMING CONCERNS

Predators may use live video to target children in real-time using tricks, games or building gifts to manipulate them. Grooming often takes the form of a game where children receive 'likes' or even money for performing sexual acts. Social media channels such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat all have live-streaming capabilities, but there are many apps which children can use to live stream, including Omigod, Liveme, BIGO Live, YouNow and many more.

## GROOMING CAN HAPPEN RAPIDLY

Grooming is generally a slow, methodical and intentional process of manipulating a person to a point where they can be exploited. However, according to researchers at the University of Swinburne, online grooming can also be very rapid, with analysis of chat logs revealing that it can take just 18 minutes for some predators to arrange to meet their victims. The latest predators used sophisticated, persuasive, language-based strategies to rapidly build trust, including the use of small talk and praise which quickly escalated into requests for sexual messages.

## ANYONE CAN GROOM YOUR CHILD

Many people expect groomers to be adults posing as children, but this is not always the case. Data from the University of Swinburne reveals that groomers' use of identity deception (pseudonyms, location and appearance) is fairly low. This can be because they approach many children, limiting their ability to lie. The worry is that honesty can be more damaging to the victim since they are more likely to feel as if they are in a real relationship.



**National Online Safety**

# Top Tips for Parents



## IT'S GOOD TO TALK

It's unlikely that you can stop your child using the internet, nor can you constantly monitor their online activities, but you can talk to your child on a regular basis about what they do online. By talking openly with them about online relationships, they can quickly ascertain the kind of behaviour which is appropriate or inappropriate. Ask them whether they have any online friends or if they play online games with people they haven't met. This could then open up conversations about the subject of grooming.



## CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

In order to give your child a safer online gaming experience, it is important to check privacy settings or parental controls on the networks, devices, apps, and websites they may use. If you are uncertain about apps to check where your child is, remember that there could always be used by strangers to follow your child without their knowledge. Ensure that you check options so that location information is never shared with anyone except those they have permission to share with.

## DISCUSS SAFE ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

Make it clear to your child that they should not accept friend requests from people they don't know, and to verify friend requests with people who they do know. They should never agree to chat privately with a stranger or someone they don't really know. Remind them that they should never divulge personal information, such as mobile phone numbers, addresses, passwords or names of their school.

## DISCUSS HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Talk to your child about what a healthy relationship looks like and how to detect someone who might not be who they claim to be. Explain that groomers will pay your child compliments and engage in conversations about personal information, such as hobbies and relationships. They may where how well they play an online game or how they look in a photo. Groomers will also try and isolate a child from people close to them, such as parents and friends, in order to make their relationship feel special and unique.

## BE SUPPORTIVE

Show your child that you will support them and advise them they understand they can come to you with any concerns they may have. They need to know they can talk to you if someone does something they are uncomfortable with, whether that is inappropriate comments, images, requests or sexual comments.

## LOOK OUT FOR WARNING SIGNS

Child safety experts have identified key grooming patterns and advise parents to look out for:

- Secretive behaviour about what they are doing online.
- Internet or smartphone usage late at night.
- Going to unusual places to meet up with friends you have not heard of.
- They are doing fewer problems at school and missing out on activities.
- They seem withdrawn, anxious, depressed or aggressive.
- Having older boyfriends or girlfriends.

## HOW TO REPORT

If you're worried that your child is being groomed online or sexually exploited, you can report your concern to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Safety Centre, which is part of the National Crime Agency in [www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-centre). Reports are read by a Child Protection Adviser who will make contact by phone or email to work with you to make a plan to keep your child safe. If you think a child is in immediate danger call the Police on 999 or NSPCC on 0800 600 5500.



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Julie Darling has performed at venues as diverse as retreat centres, arts festivals, schools and remote Scottish Islands. Her harp compositions and improvisations have been described as 'inspirational' and 'transformative'.

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