



SAFEGUARDING news

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E-Safety

Please do not assume your child understands how to stay safe online- make sure you talk with them about online safety and remind them to be kind online. Lots of our pupils have accidentally added their entire contacts to social media groups with some groups containing 100s of users. Over Easter, please check their social media is limited to small groups of pupils they know in real life and that their location sharing is turned off in privacy settings.

If they are being bullied online:

1. Talk with them and reassure them that it will all be OK
2. Report and block the sender to the social media site
3. If they have sent an inappropriate image (Nude) which has been shared – report it via Report Remove- they will need the image in order to report it [Report Remove | Childline](#)

We have various help sheets and links available on our website which you can find here: [E-safety - Comberton Village College \(combertonvc.org\)](#)

Everyone's Invited



Staff Training by Everyone's Invited

In line with the positive work and training we have already completed with staff at Comberton Village College on Child-on-Child Abuse behaviours, we were pleased to be able to host a staff sharing session, on 5th March, facilitated by a representative from Everyone's Invited [Everyone's Invited](#). *The sharing session was designed to pass on information to staff about the material that young people can access daily (through social media and online). Everyone's Invited representative shared insights, knowledge, and terminology that they have gained access to through youth advisory boards and their researchers at Everyone's Invited. The session focussed on Incel culture, the rise of online misogyny and challenging students' language.*

Parent sharing session

We are arranging a parent sharing session with representatives from Everyone's Invited. This will be an online session which will be held in June. We will notify you in due course.

Pupil sessions

We will be offering pupil sessions in September. Details will be shared in due course.

Pupils' Emails

Advanced warning – pupils' access to outlook to email each other will be removed after Easter. They will still be able to contact teachers via webmail. We are doing this as several pupils have been misusing the outlook app and using it like a social media platform. For groups of pupils that need to communicate with each other such as Prefects, we will be setting them up a Team in which they will be able to communicate.

Education and Inclusion Family Advisor



Families of Comberton VC have the support of an Education and Inclusion Family Advisor, Clare Merrington. Clare and the team offer information, support and advice on any issue affecting your family life. They offer 1:1 sessions, workshops, group sessions and can signpost to other services. Coming up is an online workshop; 'Positively parent your teen'. Please do take a look and sign up [here](#).

Student Support



If, over the Easter period, you feel you need support, do visit the student support and wellbeing page on the website [here](#). There are people ready to listen, help and support you. Do not struggle alone.

If a child is in immediate danger or at risk of harm, contact children's social care 0345 045 5203 (office hours) 01733 234 724 (out of hours), the police 101 or in an emergency 999.



Concerned? Email safeguarding@combertonvc.org
Inbox checked intermittently over the school holidays.

