

TEACHING AND LEARNING GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Welcome to our monthly Learning Newsletter. These newsletters look to help you to implement tried and tested learning strategies at home, in order to benefit your child and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

Online Safety

At Priory we consider online safety to be a crucial aspect of our pupils' education.

We consider it to be equally important that we provide support and guidance to parents on this very important subject.



With this in mind, we'd like to draw your attention to our website where you'll find guidance and links to a wide range of information.

For instance, there's a link to **CEOP** the Child Exploitation and Online Protection command where you can report concerns about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with a child online.



There's also advice and guidance about a topic that is hot in the press at the moment; involvement in county lines gangs. This is regularly covered in the national news as it's affecting families and communities up and down the country.

'**County lines**' is when urban gangs use children and vulnerable adults to expand their illegal drugs businesses into other towns. In Lancashire, we see pockets of county lines gangs coming in from Manchester, Merseyside, London, and West Yorkshire.

The police are working proactively to dismantle these gangs from the top and protect the young and the vulnerable. They often set up a base in towns in other counties, taking over the home of a vulnerable person and sending runners to stay there. These are ways gangs distance themselves from criminal activity so that their victims carry the risk.

Please visit the school website where, as we say, there are significant amount of resources to guide you.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/online-safety

If you have any concerns about your child and any of these issues, our pastoral team is here to help.

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