



Safeguarding Newsletter

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)



Dear parents/carers

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter, where we are highlighting an important safeguarding issue: **Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)**. CCE occurs when an individual or group takes advantage of an **imbalance of power** to coerce, control, manipulate, or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into taking part in criminal activity. This exploitation may occur **in exchange for something a child needs or wants**, for the **financial or other gain of the perpetrator**, or **through violence or the threat of violence**. It is important to understand that a child may be experiencing criminal exploitation **even if the activity appears consensual**. Children cannot consent to their own exploitation. CCE does not always involve physical contact and can also take place **through technology**, including online communication and social media. By raising awareness and increasing understanding, we can work together to recognise the signs early and ensure children are protected, supported, and kept safe.

I hope you find this month's newsletter of some benefit. If you ever wish to discuss any of the issues raised, please do not hesitate to contact myself or ask to speak to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) in school. We are always here to listen, support, and work in partnership to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all the children.
Best wishes

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Type of crimes a young person may be forced to commit:

Speak up. Stand up.
Stop Exploitation

- Holding firearms for an organised crime gang
 - Carrying and using firearms or knives
 - Supplying, sourcing class A-C drugs
 - Involvement in planned harm to others
 - Shooting and causing violence to others
- Planning and carrying out burglaries
- Damage of community or properties
- Mugging or street robbery





Any child could be exploited by criminals



Children at Risk of Recruitment

Studies show that a child is more at risk of being recruited if:



They've been excluded from school



They have special education needs



There are problems at home like neglect, domestic abuse or sexual abuse



They have problems with their mental health

The Stages of Child Criminal Exploitation



Friendship

The groomer or gang builds a friendship with the child, offering gifts, money, or support to make them feel accepted, protected, and important.



Trust

Once rapport is established, the child is given special jobs, such as holding or moving packages. They may be paid but don't realize they are being exploited.



Threat

Once involved in illegal activity, the group uses threats and fear to make the child carry out serious crimes. Violence may be threatened against them or their family.

By this stage, the child is entangled in the criminal group, and will likely have witnessed violence or other crimes.

If you're concerned about a child, the sooner you reach out to the Police or other agencies the better.

You can:

- Contact the NSPCC to speak to trained professionals about what is happening, who can take action and who can signpost you to the right services and support agencies <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/nspcc-helpline/>
- Contact the police immediately if you're worried the child is in danger
- Contact Children's Services – 01158764800
- Talk to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads at Jubilee L.E.A.D Academy

