



## HIGHSTED GRAMMAR SCHOOL

### SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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#### Safeguarding Mission Statement

In accordance with the Children's Acts of 1989 and 2004 and the Education Act 2002, and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 and Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016, Highsted Grammar School has a duty to assist local authority specialist children's services departments acting on behalf of children in need or enquiring into allegations of child abuse. Highsted Grammar School follows a child centred and coordinated approach to safeguarding. A 'Culture of Vigilance' has been fostered, where it is agreed by all that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Highsted Grammar School firmly believes that it has a strong pastoral responsibility to promote the welfare of children and that children have a right to be protected from harm; this is consistent with our overall aims to educate the whole pupil and foster personal as well as academic development.

#### Safeguarding Responsibilities and Contacts

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**Twitter:** @SafeguardingHGS

#### Safeguarding Events 2016-2017

- 1-31 Oct 2016: Black History Month
- 10-14 Oct 2016: Hate Crime Awareness Week
- 14-18 Nov 2016: Anti-bullying Week
- 25 Nov-10 Dec 2016: Action against Domestic Violence
- 30 Jan 2017: Safeguarding Fortnight
- 1-28 Feb 2017: LGBT History Month
- 3 Feb 2017: NSPCC Numbers Day
- 7 Feb 2017: Safer Internet Day
- 7 Feb 2017: Online Safeguarding Evening
- 22-28 Feb 2017: Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- 18 March 2017: Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day
- 15-19 May 2017: Mental Health Week

#### Firearms and Weapons attack

The National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) has released public guidance for firearms and weapons attacks. Recent events around the world remind us all of the terrorist threat

we face, which in the UK is considered as 'SEVERE', meaning an attack is highly likely. Police and security agencies are working tirelessly to protect the public but it is also important that communities remain vigilant and aware of how to protect themselves if the need arises.

The NPCC have produced an information film to accompany their public guidance. The four minute film, Stay Safe: Firearms and Weapons Attack sets out three key steps for keeping safe. The film is accompanied by an online information leaflet.

The film and leaflet advise that if you are caught up in an incident to 'run, hide and tell' - guidance which can be applied to many places and situations.

The film can be found at:

<http://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/WeaponAttacksStaySafe.aspx>

The leaflet can be found at:

[http://www.npcc.police.uk/StaySafeAssets/NPCC\\_CT\\_A5%202pp.pdf](http://www.npcc.police.uk/StaySafeAssets/NPCC_CT_A5%202pp.pdf)

#### **IN THE RARE EVENT OF a firearms or weapons attack: RUN, HIDE and TELL.**

1. RUN to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...
2. HIDE. It's better to hide than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it is safe to do so...
3. TELL the police by calling 999.

Speaking on behalf of National Counter Terrorism Policing, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Neil Basu, said:

"The public should not be alarmed by this step. While the general level of threat to the UK is SEVERE, the probability of being caught up in a firearms or weapons attack is very, very small. However, it is important the public know what to do in the event of getting caught up in such an incident.

"Our advice has already been issued to tens of thousands of people during police-led security training sessions but it is only responsible that we issue this public safety guidance more widely.

"We know that from case studies and the testimony of people who have survived attacks that the advice given in the film has saved lives.

"With the threat level remaining at a high level, the police and security service continue to operate at a heightened state of readiness - we are working on hundreds of investigations



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and making an arrest a day. However, it is only with the ongoing support of communities that we can defeat terrorism - you are our eyes and ears so please be alert, but not alarmed.

"We are asking everyone to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour or activity to the confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321 or in an emergency, 999.

At the moment, the issue of terrorist attacks is regularly in the news. But it's been on our agenda for much longer. The police and security service have been working constantly to foil terrorist attacks for years, not months.

#### **We should not be complacent about keeping safe.**

Highsted Grammar School has worked closely with the NPCC and The National Counter Terrorism Policing Headquarters to have the 'Stop Terrorists' and Extremist's Online Presence' button added to our website ([www.highsted.kent.sch.uk](http://www.highsted.kent.sch.uk)). This button is now live on our website and will take users directly to [www.gov.uk/report-terrorism](http://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism), so online material promoting terrorism or extremism can be reported and then removed. Over 250,000 pieces of illegal terrorist material has been removed since February 2010, following referrals to Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU). All reports are anonymous.

#### HeadStart

The Big Lottery Fund has awarded Kent County Council £9.98 million to support young people's emotional wellbeing and resilience over the next 5 years, following a successful pilot trial in Kent for the last 2 years. HeadStart Kent is part of Early Help and Preventative Services which aims to help young people cope better when faced with difficult circumstances in their lives, preventing them from experiencing common mental health problems.

KCC is one of only six authorities to receive this additional funding, which recognises the success of HeadStart Kent so far. The new funding will enable us to provide an approach that supports young people to develop their own resilience to cope with the everyday pressures they may face throughout their lives, as well as how to help each other. HeadStart Kent aims to make changes through schools, families and within communities and has been designed with young people at its heart.

Highsted Grammar School is one of 7 schools/education providers in Swale involved in the HeadStart programme. For more information about HeadStart, please visit:

<http://www.kelsi.org.uk/support-for-children-and-young-people/health-and-wellbeing/headstart/swale>

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*If you are concerned about your child call the police on 101*

#### **If you think a child is at immediate risk call 999**

##### **NSPCC:**

Call: 0808 800 5000 (24-hour free helpline)

Text: 88858

Email: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

Web: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

##### **Childline:**

Call: 0800 1111

Online: [www.childline.org.uk/registration](http://www.childline.org.uk/registration)

Web: [www.childline.org](http://www.childline.org)

##### **Samaritans:**

Call: 116 123

Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

Web: [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

##### **National Self-harm Network:**

Call: 0800 622 600 (7pm-11pm)

Web: [www.selfharm.co.uk](http://www.selfharm.co.uk)

##### **Stop Hate Crime:**

Call: 0800 138 1625 (24-hour helpline)

Web: [www.stophateuk.org](http://www.stophateuk.org)

##### **Stop LGBTQ Hate Crime:**

Call: 0808 801 0661 (24-hour helpline)

Web: [www.stophateuk.org](http://www.stophateuk.org)

##### **National Domestic Violence Helpline/ Women's Aid:**

Call: 0808 2000 247 (24-hour free helpline)

Email: [helpline@womensaid.org.uk](mailto:helpline@womensaid.org.uk)

Web: [www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk)

Web: [www.womensaid.org.uk](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)

##### **NWG Network (Stop CSE):**

Call: 01332 585371

Email: [jointhefight@stop-cse.org](mailto:jointhefight@stop-cse.org)

Web: [www.nwgnetwork.org](http://www.nwgnetwork.org)

##### **FGM/HBV Helpline:**

Call: 0800 028 3550 (24-hour free helpline)

Email: [fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk)

Web: [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/female-genital-mutilation-fgm](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/female-genital-mutilation-fgm)

##### **EACH:**

EACH has a freephone Actionline for children experiencing homophobic bullying

Call: 0808 1000 143 (Monday to Friday 10am-5.00pm)

Web: <http://www.eachaction.org.uk/>