



HIGHSTED GRAMMAR SCHOOL
SAFEGUARDING E-BULLETIN (30 January 2017)

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Safeguarding Fortnight 2017 (30 January – 9 February)

Safeguarding Fortnight is a Highsted Grammar School initiative, which this year takes place from 30 January – 9 February and coincides with Safer Internet Day 2017 (7 February 2017).

Safeguarding Fortnight shines a spotlight on child abuse and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against child abuse throughout the year.

The main focus this year will be: **sexual abuse, online grooming and child sexual exploitation.**

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Grooming is a word used to describe people befriending children in order to take advantage of them for sexual purposes.

Online grooming and the dangers of speaking to people online – Kayleigh’s Love Story

Kayleigh Haywood began speaking to Luke Harlow, a man she had never met, on 31 October 2015. Over the course of 13 days they exchanged 2643 messages. Harlow told the 15-year-old all the things many teenage girls want to hear. He told her she was beautiful, how much he cared for her and that she was special. Harlow was grooming Kayleigh, along with two other young girls he had also been speaking to. But it was Kayleigh that finally agreed to his requests to spend the night of Friday 13 November 2015 at his house. She spent the next day with him too, and in the early hours of Sunday 15 November, having been held against her will by Harlow and by his next door neighbour Stephen Beadman, Kayleigh was raped and murdered by Beadman.

With the support of Kayleigh’s family, Leicestershire Police has made a film about aspects of the last two weeks of her life. Kayleigh’s Love Story is as a warning to young people, both girls and boys, about the dangers of speaking to people they don’t know online. The film highlights just how quick and easy it can be for children to be groomed online without them or those around them knowing it is happening. Its purpose is to protect children now and in the future and to stop another family losing a child in this way. The film lasts around five and a half minutes and is available to view now. The film was made by Affixius Films in Loughborough and was shot in various locations across Leicestershire and in Nottingham. **The film and the trailer both contain warnings. If either were to be screened at a cinema, they would carry a 15 certificate.** The film can be found at:

<https://leics.police.uk/categories/kayleighs-love-story-film>

Online Grooming information for parents can be found at:

<https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/information-zone/child-sexual-exploitation/online-grooming-parents>

If you are concerned about your child and wish to report something, you can:

- Call the police on **101** for non-emergencies or **999** if you are concerned that your child is in immediate danger
- Speak to a social worker by contacting your local Children’s Social Care team:

Day: 03000 41 11 11 or Night: 03000 41 91 91

Please contact **Mr Daniel Quinn (Designated Safeguarding Lead)** directly if you have further questions/concerns.

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