

19 June 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that our first Safeguarding Week will take place from Monday 26 June 2023.

We are committed to a proactive approach to safeguarding to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, staff and visitors. I am delighted that we will have a number of guest speakers from organisations we currently work with coming in to school to educate students on the services they have to offer and how best they can support students. Further information may be found using these links:

- Kooth (provision of mental wellbeing support) - [Home - Kooth](#)
- Cranstoun [Empowering People, Empowering Change | Cranstoun](#)

Sadly we know from organisations working with young people, other schools and the police, that there is an increase in substance abuse by young people, both locally and nationally. We take a proactive approach to safeguarding students against substance abuse. In addition to our drugs education programme, we will engage an organisation specialising in the deployment of drugs detection dogs, K9 Deployment, following agreement with the Governing Body. They work within the "Safer Schools" initiative and have already made a huge impact on raising awareness and minimising the presence of drugs in and around school premises across the country. Further information may be found using this link. [Working with schools and colleges assisting in the effective prevention and detection of drug use to safeguard those in your care. \(k9deployment.co.uk\)](#)

There will be assemblies during Safeguarding Week for each year group to explain how we intend to work with this organisation. One of the dog handlers will visit with their dog and explain the types of dogs that they use, how they work and will then carry out a small demonstration involving students as volunteers. We know from other schools including others in Buckinghamshire that it is proven as an excellent way of reducing drug abuse within schools.

Following this there will be visits from K9 Deployment at regular intervals throughout the school year, in order to ensure that students feel safe and confident in how we as a school tackle both the local and national issue of young people and their drug involvement.

Please contact Mrs Wall, Designated Safeguarding Leader, [The Chalfonts Community College - Safeguarding](#) if you would like further information on any aspects of the Safeguarding Week ahead.

Yours sincerely



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Principal