

Monday 7th October, 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Safeguarding updates - October 2019**

I am writing to you to update you with recent developments regarding things to be aware of in order to keep your child safe in and out of school.

- 1) 'Deets and Squares': also known as 'coin flipping'. 'Deets and Squares' is money laundering which can involve children. 'Deets' is slang for bank details and 'Squares' are credit/debit cards. Social media messages are sometimes used to ask children if they want to earn money. They then become 'money mules' by giving their bank details to fraudsters in exchange for money and consequently become accessories to crime. There is significant risk in partaking in this activity. Please see this site for more information: <https://www.moneymules.co.uk/>
  
- 2) **"Parents: did you know?"** is the latest in a series of events taking place on 7 November between midday and 7pm at the Princes Theatre, Clacton. Parents can sign up to the event in advance, or just drop by on the day. Please follow this link for more information: <http://www.escb.co.uk/working-with-children/child-exploitation/parents-did-you-know/>  
The event is managed by the Essex Safeguarding Children Board in partnership with Barnardo's and The Children's Society, and will feature the following topics: criminal exploitation, gangs, sexual exploitation, missing children, trafficking and online exploitation. This is an opportunity for parents to have direct conversations with a range of services, including Essex Police, Essex Children's Social Care, The Children's Society, Barnardo's, and other partner organisations.

As we approach half-term, I would like to remind you of our safeguarding procedures and anti-bullying/ anti-prejudice protocols which can be found on our school website: <https://www.hdhs.org.uk/parents/policies/>

If you have any concerns about the welfare of any Harwich and Dovercourt High School pupil, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the safeguarding team.

Yours faithfully,



**J. W. Loten**  
**Deputy Headteacher**