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## November 2021

**Welcome to our November newsletter:** November is gearing up to be a busy month with lots of safety campaigns and awareness events which are all aimed towards specific topics. We have highlighted some of these events along with useful links which we hope will offer support and advice. Parents and Carers are reminded that this newsletter is for **both** Primary and Secondary school children, and therefore trust your judgement to share what you feel is relevant information for your family.

### Anti Bullying week: One Kind Word

**Anti-Bullying Week** takes place from the **15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021** and this year's theme is **One Kind Word**. One Kind Word can be a turning point to changing someone's day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. This short video demonstrates this further: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYS-liGv2IY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYS-liGv2IY)



The week will begin with **Odd Socks Day (15<sup>th</sup> November)** supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'. There's a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're **ALL** unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. Wear odd socks to school or work, or even just at home to highlight that it is **OK** to be different. **Please remember to check with your school and/or employer that this is acceptable.**



The Anti-Bullying Alliance work with children, families and schools to help keep children safe. For more information on other activities for Anti-Bullying week or if you are worried about bullying and need some advice or support, follow this link: [anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week](http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week).

### Warning!! Squid Game

Some of you may already be aware of the concerning issues regarding children re-enacting violent games related to the Netflix show, 'Squid Game'.

For those who are not familiar with this, Squid Game is a South Korean thriller series with shows fairly brutal violence that follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent looking playground games, but are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks.

**The show is rated 15**, however children are being exposed to violent clips and images which are being uploaded & viewed on other social media platforms and games such as Roblox, YouTube & TikTok. There have been many reports of children creating their own versions of these games (creating a culture of violent bullying), or being invited to online-challenges based on various scenes from the show. There are also gaming platforms that have made various mini games based on Squid Game. These apps and online games convey the violence of the show, some of which use original footage. Please follow this link from the National Online Safety for further information and advice: [squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know](https://www.nos.org.uk/articles/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know/)



**We strongly advise that children should not watch Squid Game** and that Parents/Carers should keep a watchful eye on the content that children are viewing. For further advice on how to set parental controls on your child's electronic devices please follow this link: [Using parental controls \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/what-thinkuknow-can-do-for-you/using-parental-controls/)

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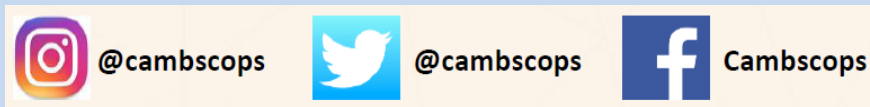
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## Knife Crime awareness week of action 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021



**Operation Sceptre (#operationsceptre)** is a National Campaign to target knife related crime by raising awareness amongst communities and to encourage *everyone* to understand the risks and how you can help to reduce these offences and keep people safe. During the Week of Action, or over coming weeks, your child may receive a presentation in school which highlights the risks and consequences and how they can keep themselves and others safe by reporting any concerns. There will also be advice, updates and key messages posted via the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.



**THE DANGERS:** Whilst a small minority of young people may feel tempted or pressured to carry a knife/weapon for what they believe to be 'self protection' it is important for them to know this significantly increases the risk of harm to them. **THE FACTS:** The Police can stop and search anyone they have reasonable grounds to suspect to be carrying a knife or other offensive weapons. **THE LAW:** It is illegal to carry a bladed article in a public place –the maximum penalty for carrying a knife is **4 years in prison and an unlimited fine**. It is also an offence for retailers to sell knives to under 18's. **THE CONSEQUENCE:** A criminal record can change your life –it may prevent you getting certain employment in the future and it can prevent travel to some countries.

There is no shame in running away from a situation and it could save your life and stop someone else ruining theirs by making one fatal mistake. If you know someone who carries a knife, call us on 101  
For further information please visit [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)

#LivesNotKnives

## Remain safe this Bonfire night!

This time last year we celebrated bonfire night in lockdown! I hope you and your families are able to see some lovely displays whether at home or an organised event this year. Please have a read through the **FIREWORK CODE and the tips below** to remind and ensure the safety of your families and loved ones.

Whilst fireworks are a tradition for this time of year, please consider the impact the loud noises/flashes can have on animals. Please be courteous and advise any neighbours of your plans (note through the door) so they have time to get their pets inside and try and keep them safe and reassured.

- Only **adults** should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks.
- Children and young people should be supervised at all times, and watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance.
- Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes away from fireworks.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
- Direct any rocket fireworks away from spectators.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.
- and finally.....remember, alcohol and fireworks do not mix !!

Click on this link for further safety information on fireworks and bonfires:  
<https://www.rospa.com/Home-Safety/Advice/Fireworks-Safety>





## Road Safety Week: Be a road safety hero

Road Safety Week takes place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November with the theme Road safety Heroes, which aims to celebrate the heroic work of road safety professionals.



**Who is a road safety hero?** Basically, It's anyone who helps to make journeys safer and healthier, including someone who cares for people after a crash. Here are some examples of Heroes: School Crossing patrols, teachers, emergency services, Highway patrols, Medical staff in hospitals, Parents and carers, Road designers, highway engineers & Road safety charities.

**Everyone can be a road safety hero.** We all have a responsibility to be sensible whilst using roads and pavements to keep ourselves and others safe whilst on our journeys. We can choose safe ways to travel, keep our vehicles road safe and obey road rules whilst travelling at safe speeds.

Follow this link to find out more about Road Safety Week and learn about the different ways to can get involved [brake.org.uk/road-safety-week](https://brake.org.uk/road-safety-week)

**Parents and carers can help keep young children safe by:**

- Holding hands with them when walking to school.
- Crossing roads at safe places.
- Riding with children on safe paths away from traffic.
- Making sure children wear a cycle helmet.
- Making sure a child is sitting in a well-fitted, appropriately sized child seat if travelling by car



**Also remember...never** use a mobile phone whilst driving, **always** ensure you and your passengers are wearing a seat belt, and **never** drive after drinking or taking drugs.

Road crashes have a devastating effect on families and communities. A recent report from the department for transport claim that more than six children are killed or seriously injured on roads every day in the UK. These tragedies can be avoided if everyone works together to take on their share of responsibilities to keep our roads safe.

**This is known as the 'safe system approach'.**

Please watch this short video to find out more about how this works.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tijFvzRqwUU> or follow [www.brake.org.uk/safesystem](https://www.brake.org.uk/safesystem)

**Every death and serious injury on the road is a preventable tragedy.**



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# Becoming a police officer

## A great career, welcoming diversity

There's never been a better time to become a police officer. It's a great career where every day is different and you get to make a difference. From neighbourhoods, to dogs, road policing and major crime, there's exceptional variety and opportunities. We're also committed to recruiting a workforce that reflects the communities we serve, so we're particularly keen to hear from you if you're female or from an ethnic minority background.

## Degree apprenticeship

Become a police officer. Earn while you learn. A fully funded degree. Sound good? That's what we're offering in our Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA). You will earn as you study for a degree in professional policing practice and receive on-the-job training. If you do not have A-levels, then certain career experience and time as a Special can be used instead.

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## Special Constable

Special constables come from all walks of life and volunteer a minimum of 16 hours a month to their local police areas. They provide a link between the police and the community and are sworn in by a magistrate in the same manner as a regular police officer. They work alongside their regular colleagues, wear the same uniform and have the same powers in law, including the power of arrest.