



## **Looe Community Academy**

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Our Ref: HJ/HWI

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re: Students' safety**

I am becoming increasingly concerned at the number of parties/sleepovers that some students attend, often with easy access to alcohol, and without appropriate adult supervision. I am also reliably informed that drugs are easily available around the town of Looe, so am naturally worried about the additional threat to the safety of our children. I am therefore suggesting that you satisfy yourself about the quality of supervision on such occasions.

You may recall that, earlier this year, I informed you that the South East Cornwall secondary schools had released a joint press release announcing our intentions to work closely with the police and their dogs, in order to continue to keep our school communities safe. We have worked closely with the police to establish the procedures for them working within schools and this has already begun in Saltash.net and Torpoint Community College.

I am now writing to let you know that the police will be in Looe Community Academy after the Easter holiday to lead assemblies on how they use their dogs in their work to seek out drugs. All year groups will receive information from the police and in future there will be unannounced visits when the dog will visit 'on duty'.

Our personal, social and health education programme is extensive, and includes assemblies, visiting speakers and experts on the challenges that face young people in society today; we work with a number of agencies to help support or advise them and their families.

If you have a concern about your child please do not hesitate to contact the school or our Family Support Manager Judy Richardson (telephone 07435 131811) who can signpost you to support, in confidence. Our website will signpost you to other support services.

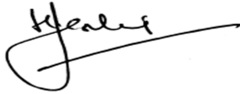
During the holiday and in future if necessary, the following agencies can be accessed:

- Cornwall Alcohol and Drug Agency (CADA) telephone 01872 263001.
- YZUP telephone 01872 300816 who offer support, information and advice to young people about drugs and alcohol.
- Alcoholics Anonymous telephone 0845 7697555.
- Your GP, who can access services from the Community Drugs and Alcohol Team.

If you have any concerns about the issues I have raised in this letter, or if you feel it would be beneficial for an information evening on the issue of drugs and keeping young people safe, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by email [hjenkins@looe.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:hjenkins@looe.cornwall.sch.uk)

I wish you and your family a relaxing Easter break.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather Jenkins', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Heather Jenkins**  
**Headteacher**