



Dear Parent/carer

Thames Valley Police, the Community Safety and Berkshire West Safeguarding Children Partnership are writing to all parents of secondary school students in Wokingham s due to the rise in drug and alcohol use by young people in the borough.

The neighbourhood policing team are prioritising this issue and are proactively working with schools as well as other partners to deal with the problem. However, we feel it is important to contact all parents/carers to make you aware and to gain your support in keeping young people safe.

It is important to stress that this is not linked to any particular school or individuals and we are sending this letter to every parent in the Borough. We have seen a rise in anti-social behaviour across the Borough involving young people and many of the issues appear to be linked to drug and alcohol misuse. The drug use appears to be cannabis and an increased use of the drug Xanax.

This letter is not intended to frighten, but to inform you of the issue and offer advice and support if you need it, to help keep your child safe. We have attached information and advice about drug use and where help and support can be found.

If you want to discuss this or you have specific concerns you can speak to a member of staff at your child's school as they will be able to put you in touch with the appropriate neighbourhood police officer if required.

If you have information relating to drugs we would encourage you to report this to the Police by calling 101. Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers is not part of the police and information passed to them is totally anonymous.

We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Al Lloyd  
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Thames Valley Police

On behalf of the Community Safety Partnership and Berkshire West Safeguarding Children Partnership

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