

# **The Norfolk Safer Schools Partnership**

Norfolk Constabulary has committed one of its officers to support each secondary school in Norfolk for one day per week. PCSO Stephen Bridges is the local officer from the Safer Neighbourhood Team who has been chosen to fulfil this role within Reepham High School and College (RHSC).

## **Why are the Police working more at our school?**

The school and police believe that there could be many benefits from a close working partnership. Stephen's work will involve responding to the needs of the school, as well as highlighting county wide issues that affect the wider school community, and specifically school aged children. Stephen may also be involved in meeting with families if this is regarded as potentially helpful in working towards making the school as safe a place as possible. The school will also work with the police in helping them to tackle any anti-social behaviour within the community that involves students from RHSC.

## **Aims of the partnership for schools, police and the community**

- To positively engage young people in promoting positive behaviour and respect for themselves and their community.
- To provide reassurance for students, teachers and other staff, as well as the wider community.
- To highlight how to ensure personal safety related to the internet and social media.
- To help tackle truancy, reduce exclusions and increase school attendance, allowing children to get the most out of life and to develop skills for the future.
- To prevent crime, public disorder, victimisation and bullying within the school and the surrounding community.
- To maintain the area in and around the school as a safe environment for the students, teachers, other staff, parents, visitors and neighbours.

## **All Safer Schools partnerships aim to ensure / support**

- The safety of pupils, staff, the school site and the surrounding area.
- Help for young people to deal with situations that may put them at risk of becoming victims of crime, bullying or intimidation, and to provide support to those who do.
- Focused enforcement to demonstrate that those who do offend cannot do so without facing consequences.
- Early identification, support and where necessary intervention with pupils involved in or at risk of offending.
- Improved standards of pupil behaviour and attendance, and less need for exclusions.
- More positive relations between young people and the police as well as between young people and the wider community.
- Effective approaches to issues beyond the school site that negatively impact on pupil safety and behaviour.
- Accelerated access to police support at times of need.
- An overall safe learning environment in school.

If you have any questions about the Safer School Partnership, please contact either Mr Gibbs or PCSO Stephen Bridges at school.