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West Essex crime update for parents

Dear Parent / Guardian

As a group of schools in the local area, we have been asked to alert all parents to fraudulent criminal activity which could be impacting their children. Young people are being approached, often by people they know and encouraged to allow their bank accounts and cash cards to be used to launder money. They are promised money and possessions or that they will be paid a fee and asked not to check their banks for a specific time period. As this is coming from young people they may already know, some are being drawn into what is actually money laundering on a grander scale.

As schools, we have been requested to ask parents to check with your children that this has not been asked of them, and to check your children's bank accounts for any unusual financial activity. The young people who are victims of this crime may well be taking part under duress or due to undue pressure therefore may not feel they can tell even you, as parents, that this is happening to them. This unusual financial activity could take the form of your child suddenly having more money than you would expect, even if they have recently taken up part-time work.

If you have any worries or concerns regarding this letter please contact either Mr K Cheema kcheema@rodingvalley.net our Lead Safeguarding Officer, Ms S Dyer sdyer@rodingvalley.net our Deputy Safeguarding Officer or myself.

Yours faithfully

Head of School
Mrs S Jenner

