



YOUTH & POLICING
EDUCATION

SCHOOL CHARTER



We aim with this charter to strengthen working relationships and improve engagement with education establishments in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for children, young people and the wider school community.

This charter is intended to provide a commitment to schools and colleges of what level of service they can expect to receive from Avon and Somerset Constabulary to reinforce our effective local partnership working.

It is hoped that through the commitments set out in this charter, that schools and colleges will have the same desire to agree to the terms, and by doing so commit to building strong working relationships with Avon and Somerset Constabulary which will ensure children and young people are kept safe and informed.

What Schools and Colleges Can Expect from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

- We will ensure every school and college has direct contact with a School Link Officer (SLO) from their Local Neighbourhood Team.
Note: The role of the SLO is for engagement and not for direct reporting of crime or safeguarding referrals. Please phone 999, 101 or use our online reporting tool to report crime and use local safeguarding referral processes for safeguarding.
- We will offer schools and colleges visits by the SLO and local policing team throughout the academic year for the purposes of engagement. We commit to a minimum of one visit per half term for middle schools, secondary schools, colleges, alternative education establishments and pupil referral units (i.e. minimum of 6 per academic year) and once a term for primary schools (i.e. minimum of 3 per academic year).
- We will try to protect visits to avoid instances of officers failing to attend.
- We will ensure the focus of visits are planned and agreed in advance so that they meet the needs and requirements of the individual school or college.
- We will provide up to date education materials and relevant information through our Youth and Policing Hub and our Schools communication network.
<https://www.youthandpolicing.co.uk/>
- We will offer education sessions for pupils and training for staff and parents around Child Sexual Exploitation and Criminal Exploitation by our specialists within Topaz (subject to availability).
- We will support teachers with PSHE lessons around local policing priorities which meet the needs of the individual school, if appropriate and planned in advance as part of our engagement with the school.
- Additional engagement and interventions will be offered to young people and the schools they attend by the Constabulary through our partnership work with the Violence Reduction Units.
- We will provide an online reporting tool designed for schools and colleges with Guidance on when to Report to the Police on our Force website.
<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/incidents-at-school-college/>
- We will support schools, colleges and education networks to provide support where necessary to reinforce a joined up partnership approach to keep schools and colleges safe.
- We will continue to review the aims of this charter to ensure it is effective in what it sets out to achieve making changes if necessary to ensure the aims are being met.

What Avon and Somerset Police can expect from Schools and Colleges

- Schools and Colleges to provide designated local School Link Officer with a designated point of contact along with the details of significant staff such as Designated Safeguarding lead.
- Schools and Colleges to allow local Police opportunities to engage pupils to build positive relationships between young people and the Police.
- Schools and Colleges to share relevant non-urgent information to build intelligence utilising our Online Vulnerability Intelligence Reporting Tool. <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/forms/vul>
- Schools and Colleges to facilitate the sharing of police information, alerts, crime prevention and safety advice with staff, pupils or parents when necessary or relevant.
- Schools and Colleges to self-manage incidents where possible and refer to the When to Call the Police Guidance for Schools and Colleges utilising 999, 101 or our online reporting tool. <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/incidents-at-school-college/>

Key Resources and Contacts

Report an Incident at School or College Guidance and Reporting Tool

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/incidents-at-school-college/>

Online Vulnerability Intelligence Reporting Tool

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/forms/vul>

Free PSHE resources for schools

<https://www.youthandpolicing.co.uk/>

Youth Project Coordinator Team is the central team available to provide support and guidance.

YouthCoordinators@avonandsomerset.police.uk

To find out about your Local Neighbourhood Team

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/>

To request an input about Child Sexual Exploitation or Criminal Exploitation contact our Topaz Team

CSEPrevention@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk (Secure)

For more information about the Avon and Somerset Violence Reduction Units.

<https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/working-for-you/partnerships/violence-reduction-units/>

To find out who your School Link Officer is, please contact your Local Neighbourhood Team or the Central Team. Please contact your School Link Officer for local support.