



Devon & Cornwall Police

## DON'T BE FOOLED

We need your help to warn young people about the dangers and consequences of becoming a money mule.

### What is a money mule?

A money mule is someone who transfers stolen money through their own bank account on behalf of someone else and is paid for doing so. Criminals need money mules to launder the profits of their crimes.

Young people are increasingly being targeted to become money mules. They are approached online or in person, including through social media, at school, college or sports clubs. Sometimes people they know persuade them to take part, often because they are also acting as money mules.

Mules will usually be unaware of where the money comes from – commonly fraud and scams – and that it can go on to fund crimes such as drug dealing and people trafficking. **Being a money mule is illegal.**

When someone is caught, their bank account will be closed, and they will have problems getting student loans, mobile phone contracts and credit in the future. They could even face arrest for money laundering which carries a maximum sentence of 14 years in prison.

### What to look out for

Tell-tale signs that someone might be involved could be them suddenly having extra cash, buying expensive new clothes or top-of-the-range mobile phones and gadgets with very little explanation as to how they got the money. They may also become more secretive, withdrawn or appear stressed. You and your child can learn more and get advice by visiting [www.moneymules.co.uk](http://www.moneymules.co.uk) together.

If you are worried that someone close to you might be caught up in money muling, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**Please do not attempt to contact any individual you suspect of organising money muling.**

## Calendar Dates

**November 2nd**

Ten Tors Training

**November 14th**

Young Carers Drop-In (3:25pm)

**November 15th**

Children in Need



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[www.facebook.com/poltairschool](http://www.facebook.com/poltairschool)

## Study Support

**Support & Guidance** across all subject areas.

Available to students in **Years 7, 8 & 9**

**Thursdays 3.25 - 4.25**  
In the Library



## POLTAIR



**Drop-In Sessions**

(1.15pm - 2pm)

Next Session:

**Thursday**  
**14th November, 2019**

## Medicine in School

Medicines will only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to a student's health not to do so.  
The school will store and dispense medication to students as long as:

- Written parental consent has been given following discussions with the school Principal First Aider.
- It is prescription medication which has been prescribed by a medical practitioner with written instructions for its use  
or, in rare circumstances:
- It is non-prescription medication which has been supplied by the parent/guardian with written instructions for its use



The school does not keep or dispense any other medication such as paracetamol/ibuprofen (other than salbutamol for use with the emergency asthma kit).

## Schoolgateway

School Gateway is the parent portal (smartphone app and website) which you can access to make online payments to top up your child's meal balance for use in the school canteen, as well as paying for school trips, events and equipment. You can use School Gateway to make online payments with a debit or credit card, any time 24-7; you can also view/top up school meal balances. It makes paying for school meals easier and more flexible for parents; you can also limit the amount of money your child spends each day.

Please note that the Poltair School Finance Office does not accept cash payments/cheques, so you must use School Gateway to pay for school meals, trips, events and equipment. Pupils can, however, credit their canteen meal accounts with cash using the machines placed in the school canteen.

### Activating your School Gateway account is quick and easy to do.

All you need is the [email address](#) and [mobile telephone number](#) that school holds on record for you; this information is provided when you complete your child's School Admission Form.

#### Option 1: Download the app

If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS it saves the school money when we send you a text message.

#### Option 2: Visit the website

Go to [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click on "New User".

You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log in to School Gateway.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes.

When you install the app please say **yes** to "Allow Push Notifications" when prompted.

#### Trouble logging in?

Do we have your current email and mobile phone number on record? If you have made recent changes to these then perhaps we have not been advised. To update your contact information or for assistance with any other problems, please contact the school on 01726 874520 or email: [secretary@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk)