



Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Safeguarding Concern

We have been asked to bring to your attention a concern regarding a suspicious package containing THC sweets. The information below has been requested to be shared with you and your families from Lancashire Police Constabulary.

Officers are warning parents to be vigilant after a package containing suspected THC sweets were intercepted at a Post Office in Blackburn. The package, containing the "Medicated Nerds Rope Bites" and destined for a property in Blackburn, was intercepted by Post Office staff yesterday.

The package has since been seized by police and while the items have not yet been tested it is suspected that they contain extremely strong doses of THC, which is found in cannabis. It is feared that the level of THC contained in the sweets could be up to 50 times more than in a joint.

Officers have spoken to a man from Blackburn in connection with the discovery of the parcel, but no arrests have been made at this moment in time. Enquiries are ongoing.

PC Emma Lougheed, of the Blackburn Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "While there is no evidence at this stage to suggest these sweets are being sold in the wider community, we are asking parents to remain vigilant. These sweets will clearly look attractive to children and we want to take all precautions to ensure they don't end up in the wrong hands. There have been reports in the national press of youngsters being hospitalised after taking similar looking sweets and that is obviously a situation we want to avoid.

"If you have any information about this package or you or your child has been offered these sweets for sale, I would ask that you email BlackburnTC.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk or call 101, quoting log 0379 of October 13th, 2020."

An image of what the packaging of the sweets looks like is on the reverse of this letter.

If you are worried or concerned about this, you can contact school and ask to speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team. Alternatively, if you have any information about this then you should contact the police direct on the above contact number/email.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Kelly
Assistant Headteacher



Image of suspected THC sweets

