

Don't Be Fooled...

CIFAS (a not-for-profit fraud prevention organisation) and UK Finance (a banking and finance industry trade association) have teamed up to produce a free fraud-awareness resource for schools.

Don't Be Fooled aims to warn young people of the risk of becoming money mules.

A money mule is someone who receives criminal money into their bank account and transfers it into another account (the criminal's), often in return for cash or an expensive gift.

Criminals use money mules to launder the profits of their crimes. They particularly target young people, who may not realise the money has criminal origins and are often unaware of the potential consequences of accepting and moving money between accounts in this way.

Engaging in this activity can result in the closure of your account, experiencing difficulty in obtaining mobile phone contracts or financial products and credit, such as student loans in the future and ultimately in a criminal record.

Please help us to raise awareness of this issue by sharing the **Don't Be Fooled** message with as many colleagues and young people as possible.

Don't Be Fooled, is a free PSHE resource for schools aimed at primary (aged 10 to 11) and secondary (aged 11 to 14) pupils. The programme includes lesson plans and assembly presentations, alongside posters, flyers and other material for schools to use.

For details visit https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Money_Mules/