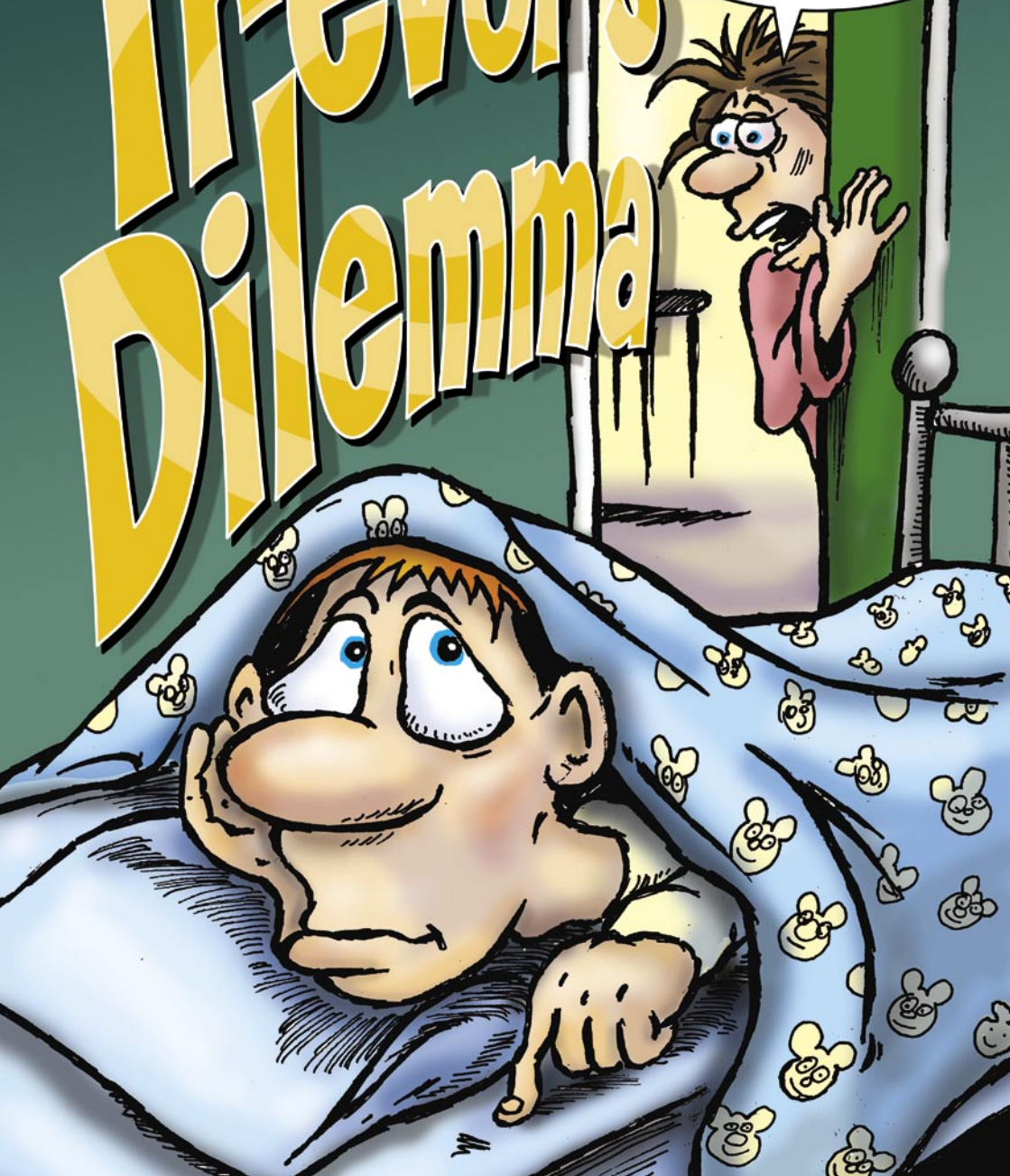


Trevor's Dilemma

TREVOR
TIME TO GET UP &
GET READY FOR
SCHOOL





I COULD JUST PRETEND TO GO TO SCHOOL. I COULD PICK UP ANY LETTERS THEY SEND & MUM WOULD NEVER KNOW.



THEN I COULD SPEND THE DAY MUCKING ABOUT WITH THE GANG



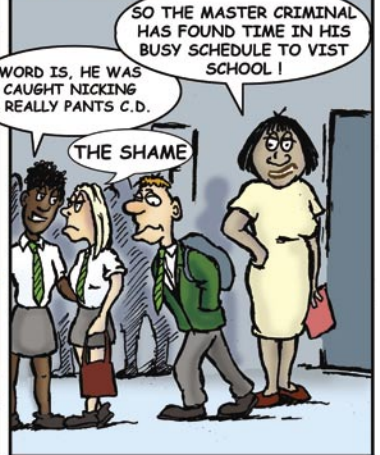
BUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I GOT CAUGHT ?



I'LL GET NICKED AND HAVE TO GO TO A 'YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM'...MUM WILL GO MAD!



AND I'LL STILL HAVE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL....



AND I'LL STILL HAVE TO DO THE LESSONS, BUT I'LL BE EVEN FURTHER BEHIND...



AND I'LL GET LOADS OF HOMEWORK TO DO.



The facts about truancy

Did you know that.....

If you truant from school your parents could be taken to court

Young people who truant regularly are more likely to become involved in crime

Young people who truant regularly are less likely to do well at GCSE

Almost a third of school leavers who truant regularly are not in paid work



if you have a problem in school you should speak to your parents/guardians.

In school - A teacher, learning mentor or school counsellor, or possibly a lunchtime supervisor.

Outside school - you can contact the Education Welfare Service (sometimes known as Education Social Work), a Connexions personal advisor, or a youth worker. If you are being bullied at school you must tell someone.

Or you can phone (calls are free)

Childline



0800 11 11

Kids Zone

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline



0800 800 5000

Or look at these websites

The Anti-Bullying Network www.antibullying.net

Channel 4 @just ask website www.channel4.com/health/children

www.dfes.gov.uk/bullying www.connexions.gov.uk

Remember the longer you are out of school the harder it is to go back.

TRUANCY - IT'S YOUR CALL

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