



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

Message from the Safeguarding Team

All children have the right to:

- ◆ Speak out and be heard
- ◆ Be safe
- ◆ Get help when they need it

If you have a concern - Speak Out!

Welcome to Issue 13 of the West Coventry Academy safeguarding newsletter for parents. The aim of this publication is to keep you informed of important safeguarding updates and to signpost services that your children may benefit from.

West Coventry Academy is committed to safeguarding and meeting the needs of our young people, our staff and our families and through working in partnership, we will strive to create a safe and inclusive environment in which we can all learn and develop together.



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Useful Contacts:

Childline: 0800 11 11

NHS: 111

FRANK: Confidential drugs information and advice
0300 123 6600

Samaritans: 116123, [ww.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

Victim Support: 08 08 16 89 111

Kooth: Online mental health services for young people and adults - <http://www.kooth.com>

Rape Crisis Line: 08088 039999
(12:00 - 14:30 & 19:00 - 21:30)

Anxiety UK: 03444 775 774

LGBT+ Helpline: 07935 669611
(15:00 - 17:00 Tuesdays & Wednesdays
13:00 - 15:00pm Thursdays)

CRUSE: Bereavement counselling:
0333 554 9157

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Coventry Sexual Health Clinic: 0300 020 0027

Domestic Abuse Helpline:
www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

Forced Marriage Unit: 020 7008 0151

Positive Youth Foundation: 02476 158550

Homelessness: 0116 221 1857

Drinkaware: 0300 123 1110

BEAT: Eating Disorders: 0800 801 0811

Mind: Mental Health Charity
0300 123 3393

Statistic of the Week:

A new report has shown TikTok is the fastest growing social network... for news! A whopping 20% of 18-24 year-olds are using it as a news source according to Reuters Institute Digital News Report's survey.



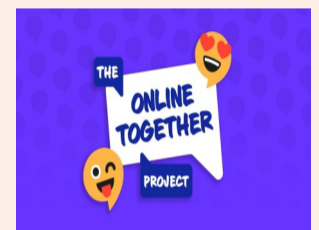
The Online Together Project:

What is it?

It is the launch of a new project designed to tackle online hate by encouraging conversation between parents/carers and children. The initiative has been launched by Samsung and Internet Matters and is an interactive question-based tool that offers advice and aims to open up conversations about online hate, such as racism, homophobia and sexism.

With new research showing hate speech is one of the top five things young people experience online and 62% of parents reporting concerns about their child being exposed to hate speech, this initiative comes at an important time.

The first phase focuses on breaking down gender stereotypes with content reviewed and supported by teachers and experts with Global Diversity Practice's endorsement. The second phase focuses on tackling online hate with all content reviewed by online safety experts and support from Stop Hate UK.



PRIDE MONTH:

This month celebrates Pride month for the LGBTQIA+ community. It is a month dedicated to recognising and honouring the diversity of sexual orientations and gender identities.

It is about spreading kindness, respect, and celebrating the unique qualities that make each person special. Below are some websites that can support you to have discussions with your children regarding their sexuality and identity.

- ◆ *The Proud trust:* www.theproudtrust.org
- ◆ *FFLAG:* www.fflag.org.uk

This is a poem written by a teenager, which gives an insight into the struggles faced:

- I am a teenager, full of hope and dreams,
- But my heart is heavy, my life's not what it seems,
- For I am different, I don't fit the mold,
- My love is not what society has told.
- I am LGBT+, and proud to be,
- But the world around me, it cannot see,
- The struggles that I face each day,
- As I try to live and find my way.



Useful acronyms:

- KCSIE - Keeping Children Safe in Education
- CAMHS - Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services
- PPP - Police Powers of Protection
- EHA - Early Help Assessment
- LA - Local Authority
- PR - Parental Responsibility
- MASH - Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub