



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 12 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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Mrs Knowles
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Mrs Green
Year 8



Mrs Powner
Year 9



Mrs Greenway
Year 10



Mrs Lane
Year 11



Mrs Withers
Year 13
Progress Leader

Useful Contacts:

Childline: 0800 11 11

NHS: 111

FRANK: Confidential drugs information and advice
0300 123 6600

Samaritans: 116123, ww.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:



According to the NSPCC:

Half a million children in the UK experience abuse every year – the equivalent of 7 children in a classroom experiencing abuse before they turn 18.

Child Exploitation — some of the different types:

Child Exploitation is a **type of abuse**. When a child or young person is exploited they're groomed by being given things, like gifts, drugs, money, status and affection.

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) = is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child under the age of 18 into sexual activity.

Harmful Sexual Behaviour = Statistically, young boys are most likely to be perpetrators of sexual violence and sexual exploitation, and young girls are most likely to be at risk of or experience sexual exploitation.

Child Criminal Exploitation = this involves exploitative situations, contexts and relationships where a child receives 'something' (e.g. food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money) as a result of them completing a criminal task on behalf of another individual or group of individuals.

County Lines = Evidence of county lines will often become apparent to professionals when children are located after missing episodes outside the London area, where there is no apparent reason.

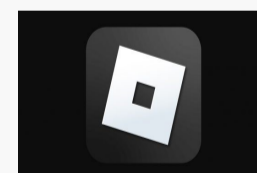
Child Trafficking = Child trafficking is a form of modern slavery. Children can be trafficked into the UK from overseas and on their journeys are very often subject to sexual abuse.

For support on any of these, you can visit: www.nspcc.org.uk or www.childrensociety.org.uk

The Pupil Safeguarding Review:

New research has uncovered the top five platforms young people feel the most unsafe whilst using. The Pupil Safeguarding Review investigated the effectiveness of school safeguarding policy, with an aim of understanding whether pupils feel safe in a variety of settings. The top 5 identified were:

- 1) Roblox— 15% of pupils
- 2) Snapchat—12% of pupils
- 3) Instagram—7%
- 4) TikTok—6%
- 5) Fortnite—4%



You can support your child by:

Getting involved. Join a platform they are on. Seeing how it works yourself will help to give you a better understanding of the experiences your child is having.

Talk about online privacy and information sharing. Advise children and young people to never share any personal information online.

Discuss FOMO and social media pressure. Remind them that if they are uncomfortable or don't want to do something, they do not have to do it. They might be feeling pressure to 'look popular' or 'not be boring'.

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