



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 3 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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Year 10



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Year 9



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Year 8



Mrs Lane
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Mrs Withers
Year 12



Mrs Dudley
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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:

Only one quarter of children and young people with a diagnosable disorder are receiving specialist support, while double that number will seek help from trusted adults at school.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

Black History Month is a time dedicated to honouring the rich and diverse history, culture, and contributions of black individuals and communities. This month serves as a powerful reminder of the resilience, creativity, and strength that have shaped the black experience throughout history and continue to inspire us today.

Black History Month is not just a reflection on the past, but a call to action for the present and future. It encourages us to recognise and address the ongoing challenges faced by black communities, while also celebrating the achievements and progress that has been made. From the arts and sciences to politics and social justice, black individuals have made lasting remarks on society. We at West Coventry Academy believe Diversity is our biggest strength.

Tackling Suicide and Self harm on Social Media:

Meta, Snapchat and TikTok are teaming up on a new initiative that's designed to help detect and remove suicide and self-harm-related content, in order to reduce exposure among at-risk users.

The new initiative, called "Thrive", will be overseen by the Mental Health Coalition, with the three platforms sharing data on concerning content, which will then enable broader cross-platform action.

All three apps allow users to discuss mental health concerns, and share their thoughts on such. But there are definitive rules around the distribution of graphic imagery, and/ or material which could encourage suicide or self-harm, which is the focus of the Thrive program.

The project will essentially see the three companies sharing data on such content, which will then enable broader, faster enforcement. Increased social media usage has been linked to higher rates of youth depression and self-harm.



Useful acronyms:

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