



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 5 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 Powner
Year 11



Mrs Saund
Year 10



Mrs Knowles
Year 9



Mrs Greenway
Year 8



Mrs Lane
Year 7



Mrs Withers
Year 12



Mrs Dudley
Family Support
Worker

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:

There were over 7,000 contacts made to the NSPCC's Helpline and over 2,700 Childline counselling sessions in 2022/23 about emotional abuse.



POTENTIAL SOCIAL MEDIA BAN: FOR UNDER 16's

A possible ban on social media for under-16s in the UK is "on the table". The idea of legally restricting social media for young people has come into the spotlight after Australia's government said it would introduce legislation to ban children under 16 from social media.

Parliament is considering a private members bill, which examines how to make children's digital lives safer. It will hear evidence from a body called Healthcare Professionals for Safer Screens, which wants curbs on smartphones.

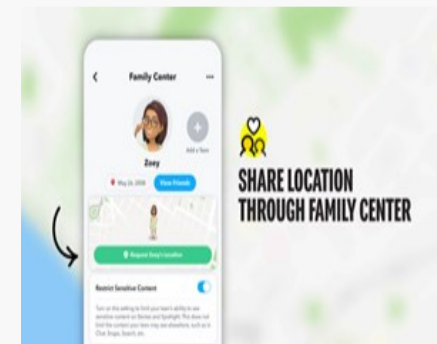
The government has stopped short of banning smartphones in schools but has issued guidance to ensure that all schools implement effective smartphone-free restrictions.

SNAPCHAT UPDATE:

Snapchat makes it easier for parents to request their teen's real-time location. The Family Center in Snap will add more ways for parents to use it for location tracking and to see who their kids are sharing their locations with.

Parents will soon see an option in the Family Center to request their teen's locations and vice versa. They'll also be able to more easily view who else their child is sharing their location with, just like they can for other privacy settings.

The feature will roll out alongside other new location and privacy tools in the coming weeks, including the ability to set up automatic travel alerts that notify family members when loved ones have arrived at or left from three designated locations, such as home or school.



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