



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 6 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 Saund
Year 10



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Year 9



Mrs Greenway
Year 8



Mrs Lane
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Mrs Withers
Year 12



Mrs Dudley
Family Support
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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

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, over half a million children in the UK have been identified as needing protection from abuse. Sadly, abuse is also perpetrated by children against children, adding further complexity to the question of how many children are affected by child abuse.

Child sexual abuse in a family environment definition: While there is no single agreed definition of child sexual abuse within the family environment it is broadly understood as sexual abuse by a relative, for example, a parent, stepparent, sibling or grandparent, or those closely linked to the family, for example a foster carer or a parent's partner.

Child Sexual Abuse Review:

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel carried out an independent review on Child Abuse with 193 children.

Who are they? They are an independent body that was set up in July 2018 to identify, commission and oversee reviews of serious child safeguarding cases. It brings together experts from social care, policing, health and education to provide a multi-agency view on cases which they believe raise issues that are complex, or of national importance.

The report reveals that safeguarding agencies were not equipped with the skills and support to listen, hear and protect these children from abuse. It recommends the government urgently puts in place a national action plan to protect and support children at risk.

The independent review looked at 136 child safeguarding incidents – the most serious cases of abuse and neglect. They found over 75% of the children sexually abused by a family member were under the age of 12. Recommendations have been made to the Government.

TRACKING ON THE UBER APP:



Parents will soon be able to track their children's Uber journeys. They can also be alerted every time a new trip is requested by their child, and only "highly-rated and experienced" drivers will be allowed to accept the bookings, the ride-hailing app company have announced.

The Uber Teen product is being rolled out from Thursday and will be available in all UK cities served by Uber over the coming months. It has already been trialled in the US and Canada. Children aged 13-17 can be invited by their parents or guardians to set up an account which enables them to request trips.

A survey commissioned by Uber indicated that, on average, parents of teenagers spent a total of nearly eight days every year driving their sons or daughters to activities. Some 59% said they had cancelled or changed their own plans to act as a parental taxi service.

Uber Teen includes mandatory safety features including pin verification to ensure teenagers are matched with their correct driver, and a system which detects anomalies such as unexpected route changes. Parents are notified through their own app about bookings, and can also view the driver's details and track the progress of a journey.

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