



Safeguarding and Child Protection at St George's Primary



July Newsletter

All staff have responsibility to provide a safe environment in which children can learn (Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022). It is therefore vital that all adults at St George's work together to protect, care for and safeguard the children. We achieve this in a number of ways:

This half term all staff including teaching assistants, governors, admin, welfare and wrap around staff have had safeguarding training with one of the Lancashire Safeguarding Officers, Vicki Wallace. This training is carried out on an annual basis and is a great way to ensure that all staff in school work together to ensure children at St George's are safeguarded.

Andy Purcell, Michelle Johnson, Rob Horne and Nicola Cook have all had renewed Designated Safeguarding Lead training with another Safeguarding Officer, Mechelle Lewis. This is completed every 2 years. Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 states that The Designated Safeguarding Lead should take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection (including online safety). In school our school, the Designated Safeguarding Lead is Andy Purcell. Michelle, Rob and Nicola are our Deputy Leads. Any deputies should be trained to the same standard as the designated safeguarding lead and the role should be explicit in their job description.

Over recent weeks, we have also introduced a safeguarding leaflet for visitors and volunteers. This leaflet is given to every adult that comes into the schools and outlines how to support our children and what to do if they have any concerns. Our visitor leaflet is attached to this week's newsletter.

Worried about a Child?

If you're worried about a child or young person, you can contact the NSPCC Helpline for support and advice for free - call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) or [contact us online](#).

Children can contact [Childline](#) on 0800 111 or online any time to get support themselves.

Child to Parent Abuse

We often think about domestic abuse being between current or former partners, and for many years, male to female intimate partner abuse was the only type acknowledged openly in the media, in communities and even sometimes by health, social care and emergency services professionals. But Child to Parent Abuse is real, it is **not** only caused by poor parenting, and it needs to be talked about openly.

Some feel ashamed for asking for help; some feel guilty about the impact on their child – even though the child is the one displaying abusive behaviours, they still love them and don't want them to be affected in the future by their behaviour now.

Parents who are struggling with behaviours at home can access support from their school or local children's centres. They can also go to the Parental Educational Growth Support Website (PEGS):

<https://www.pegssupport.co.uk/parents>

Online life and offline life is just life

For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet and for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life.

Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

Starting the conversation

Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

But it can also be easy to become overwhelmed with the different technology, the language that children use, the huge number of games and apps which are available and the potential risks.

Tips for your conversation

Reassure them



Try not to treat it like an interview



Ask who they're talking to



Remind them about strangers



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