

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term Safeguarding newsletter. We want you to know that the welfare and safety of your children continues to be our main priority especially during these very challenging times. We still have Safeguarding Leads working who can offer support and advice to keep your children safe. Please make contact through the email below. However if you think a child is in immediate danger please dial 999 and contact the Police.

E-Safety

We would also ask that you follow guidelines to keep your child safe online. We do appreciate that home study will see your children accessing the internet for much longer than usual. Please follow the advice listed below.



Children can't be completely protected, even by the best privacy controls; another child may use different settings. So it's important to keep talking to your child about the implications of social media. Getting a sense of what they think is a useful place to start; you may be surprised by how much thought they may have given to the issues.

- Encourage your child to think carefully about the way they, and others behave online, and how they might deal with difficult situations.
- Ask them to show you which social media apps they use and what they like about them. Talk about how they use them and what makes them so engaging.
- There can be pressure to be part of a particular group online or to be seen to be following a certain set of ideas. How can you take a step back and make your own decisions?

For more information

You can find out more about how children use social media, the apps they use, the risks they face, how to use privacy settings, and advice and tips about how to talk to your children at:

www.childnet.com/sns

www.internetmatters.org

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

www.parentzone.org.uk

Concerned about online grooming or sexual behaviour online Contact CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk

If you stumble across criminal sexual or obscene content on the internet you should report it to the Internet Watch Foundation: www.iwf.org.uk

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NSPCC

The NSPCC has created a number of resources to support parents and carers during this difficult time. Topics include:

- Talking to a child worried about coronavirus
- Parents working from home
- Children staying home alone
- Lockdown and separated parents
- How to cope with tantrums and other difficult behaviour

The advice can be found on the NSPCC website here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

Birmingham Educational Psychology Service

Do you as a parent or carer at home with your children during the school shut down, feel that you need someone to talk to about how you can cope with this challenging time for families?

Birmingham Educational Psychology Service is providing a telephone helpline for any parent or carers of children, who feel they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising at this time, for them or their families. Areas of concern you may wish to discuss could include:

- Anxiety around the current situation and its impact on your children and family.
- Supporting you to support your children's emotional needs.
- Concerns about family relationships.
- Concerns about friendships, learning, daily structure and activities.
- How to best look after yourself so you can support your children

If you would like to access this service please email kate.smith@birmingham.gov.uk with the following information :Your name, The telephone number you would like to be contacted on, the name of your child's school, times and dates you are **not** available for a consultation and whether an interpreter is required for you to access this service

This service will, as far as possible, be confidential.

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Domestic Abuse

The government acknowledges that recent measures announced to tackle coronavirus (COVID-19), such as the order to stay at home, can cause anxiety for those who are experiencing or feel at risk of domestic abuse. Domestic abuse is unacceptable in any situation, no matter what stresses you are under.

If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police - the police will continue to respond to emergency calls

If you are in danger and unable to talk on the phone, call 999, and then press 55. This will transfer your call to the relevant police force who will assist you without you having to speak.

Refuge runs the [National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#), which you can call for free, and in confidence, 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247. Its website provides guidance and support for potential victims, as well as those who are worried about friends and loved ones. It also has a form through which you can book a safe time for a call from the team.

[Refuge](#)'s website includes a range of resources on identifying the signs of domestic abuse, and a safety guide for women and children who are living with a perpetrator. It also features a tech abuse chat-bot with step-by-step instructional videos on how to secure devices such as phones and laptops. Look for the pink button in the bottom-right corner.

We have created a secure email address so that you can send any concerns you have privately

SecureDSL@oasisshorth Heath.org alternatively please speak to The Safeguarding Team



Mrs Atwal



Mrs Lee



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Mrs East-Goodman

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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