



Parent/Carer Safeguarding Update

Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We thought it would be useful to share with you, at various points throughout the year, some reminders about key people you can contact in school if you have any safeguarding concerns. Similarly, safeguarding issues locally and nationally change over time, as things such as new apps and online games present new and different risks to children. We felt that updates about these risks, as well as useful resources for help and advice, would be beneficial to parents and carers. If there is any other safeguarding advice that you feel you would benefit from, please do let us know.

Mrs Deborah Sadler
Headteacher



Useful websites for advice about keeping your child safe and well:

- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/> Search for any app/game/social media site and learn about the dangers.
- <http://www.divorceaid.co.uk/child/teenagers.htm> Support for children when parents separate.
- <https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/sexual-abuse-learning-programme.htm> A sexual abuse learning programme for parents.
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/> A range of parent support from the NSPCC.

Online Safety

This is becoming an increasingly concerning area. Children are spending more time online, often communicating with people they don't know. The risks are high.

Below is an excellent website where parents/carers can report concerns, and access help and advice about online safety. There are brilliant resources here for different age groups:

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



Your Digital Footprint

Children often don't realise how whenever they go online, they leave a 'footprint' of where they've been and what they've done. This can have dangerous consequences. Childline have published useful information about how to protect your privacy online and how to delete things online:

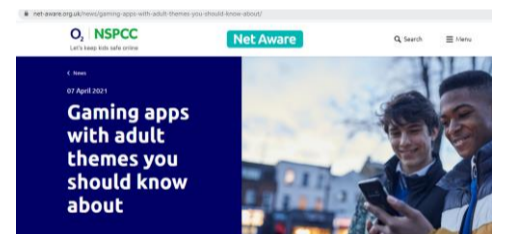
<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/>



Apps Containing Adult Themes

Children love online games. But so many games and other apps aimed at children contain adult themes which are inappropriate for children, and parents are often unaware of this. Children in our own school have recently reported using apps such as TikTok, and seeing violent or sexual content, or having contact with people they don't know. Net Aware review apps and publish information about the dangers which apps pose to children,

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/gaming-apps-with-adult-themes-you-should-know-about/>



Our Safeguarding Team

Should you wish to speak to a staff member about safeguarding concerns, our school safeguarding leads are:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Sadler**
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss Williams**
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Holt-Williams**



Out of school hours:

Should you have concerns outside school hours which need to be addressed urgently, you can contact Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership's website for more information:

<http://www.safeguardingshropshireschildren.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

On this website, you will find the following contact details for reporting urgent concerns and accessing support:

If you are a parent or carer

This part of the website is for parents and carers, including anyone with parental responsibility, children's relatives, friends, and neighbours who need information or advice on a range of safeguarding and child protection issues.

Concerned?

If you are suspicious or have any concerns that a child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm, including any form of mistreatment or abuse, please select [Reporting Concerns](#).

If you are concerned about your own behaviour, please contact the Initial Contact Team on 0345 6789021 for advice.

Emergency/Out of Hours

To contact the Emergency Duty Team outside normal working hours, call 0345 6789040.

