

Term 2 safeguarding newsletter

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Welcome from the DSL'S

It has been yet another busy term in the land of safeguarding. This tells us that you are reporting concerns and this is excellent. We thank you for raising concerns. Where we can, we will try and give you feedback but sometimes this is not possible for confidentiality reasons.

Don't forget- if you mark something as safeguarding- make sure you have a verbal discussion with a DSL in school.

CPOMS

We have had some feedback regarding cpoms and I know that Nicola has sent some useful information.

Currently, attendance needs to be Cpoms so that DSLs can easily see attendance issues, trends and patterns and can log this alongside any other safeguarding concerns. We appreciate that sometimes this is a lot of information.

We have only been using the system for a year so far but what it has done is highlight key incidents which we may not have picked up on before. It is a really good place for communication which is a secure system.

The SLT are currently trialing staffsafe, which is an addition to cpoms. We are using it to record absence, staff recruitment records and training to see how the system works in practice. Eventually, the system will automatically remind you when your DBS renewal is due, when our policies need renewing as well as safety checks.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**PLEASE CAN YOU ALL REMEMBER
YOUR CPD LEADS FOR LEARNING
SAFEGAURDING COURSES**

If courses are not completed, these will need to be done on 24th July training day. If all courses are completed beforehand, you can choose not to come in on that day.

Upcoming training
24th April Ann and Rachel:
Managing allegations
training.
12th May Governor Safer
recruitment training



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

NSPCC HAVE PUBLISHED THE LATEST 21/22 STATS ON CALLS TO CHILDLINE.

In 2021/22, the top five main concerns that children and young people were:

- mental or emotional health
- suicidal thoughts and feelings
- family relationships
- self-harm
- sex, relationships and puberty

This probably is of no surprise to any of us and currently the link between mental health and safeguarding is key. Often poor mental health can be an indicator of other safeguarding issues. We have a duty to be professionally curious. Remember to stay vigilant and if in doubt, you must report it.

Key Reminders

Just in case you had forgot, I wanted to ensure that if we are referring to bullying etc. we are using the correct terminology of child on child rather than peer on peer abuse.

If you do not have access to cpoms or the internet is down you can still fill in a cause for concern form and pass to a DSL. Please do not leave this in a pigeon hole. Find a DSL speak to them and then pass them the form.

If something feels that it is not right, it possibly isn't!!

Go speak to someone.



Reading essentials

There is a new low level concerns policy in place and available on the staff drive. This goes into more detail about what happens when an allegation is made about a member of staff and how it will be managed.



Safeguarding vs child protection

Essentially, safeguarding is what we do as a school/society to protect children from harm. It is preventative so includes for instance, training, policies, workshops, PHSE curriculum, open conversations about safe relationships.

Child protection is very much about the action we take when we know a child has suffered harm of any form. This is more reactive.

We felt that there should be a policy dedicated to this so that we can ensure as a school we have a robust process in place.

Safeguarding news

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Articles of interest

[We're calling for effective action in the Online Safety Bill as child abuse image crimes reach record levels | NSPCC](#)

[What Is County Lines? | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](#)

[Don't forget to read any information from Rene Our Ceops ambassador. These are sent out in Jackie's newsletters!!](#)

Headline figures for Children in Need nationally for 2022

1. 650,000 child protection referrals, up 8.4%
2. Child protection plans 50,920, up 1.8% for 2021

3, Child In need plans 404,320 up 4.1% from 2021

Whilst, the numbers have increased since 2021, there is a decrease since 2020 overall whilst pupils were off school.

Link to report below

[Statistics: children in need and child protection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



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