**Safeguarding Newsletter**

**October 2023**

**If you have a concern about the safety or welfare of any child at our school, please speak to:**



**TALK**

The Internet Watch Foundation have helpful advice about how to talk to a child about online sexual abuse.

<https://talk.iwf.org.uk/talk-to-your-child/>

**Child exploitation – Northants Safeguarding Board**

This is a video about signs of criminal exploitation of children. The contact details at the end are only for the Northampton area – if you are concerned about a child in this situation, please either contact school or ring the Staffordshire Safeguarding team on 0300 111 8007.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IpgqEyRGggA>

**Vaping advice**

As you will know from messages home this term, there are increasing concerns about the impact of vaping on young people; hence, why we have banned it in school. This site is aimed at parents and carers who are worried about their child’s use of vapes.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/behaviour/challenging-behaviour/im-worried-about-my-child-vaping/>

**Knife and Gun Crime**

Childline have produced a useful page for those who are concerned about the impact of knives and guns.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/crime-law/gun-knife-crime/>

**Grooming**

‘Not in Our Community’ was set up in Humberside to provide resources to tackle grooming – it has all sorts of help and advice for supporting young people.

<https://notinourcommunity.org/>

**Harmful Sexual Behaviour**

**Shore** was launched in 2023 to provide a safe and anonymous place for young people to get help and support. The aim of the website is to prevent harmful sexual behaviours among young people.

[https://shorespace.org.uk/about-us/#](https://shorespace.org.uk/about-us/)

It’s for anyone who:

* has questions about healthy sexual relationships
* wants to change their own behaviour
* is looking for reliable information to help them respond to someone else’s behaviour

**Worries About War**

UNICEF have produced a factsheet to support conversations about major world events: <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war?utm_source=Unicef_UK&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=email_rrsa_campaign%20name>

**Hollie Guard**

This is an app that has been developed to keep people safe when out and about. It has a lot of useful features that your child (or you) might want to use in certain situations when they/you feel unsafe. There is a premium (paid) version, but the basic version is free and has a lot of useful features.

<https://hollieguard.com/#features>

**Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone’s responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play.**

**Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023**