



## Safeguarding Newsletter – July 2020

### Keeping children safe from abuse and harm

On 25<sup>th</sup> June the Government issued updated guidance on keeping children safe from abuse and harm which brought together sources of information about the main risks children may be particularly vulnerable to during the coronavirus pandemic. The essential measures that have been put in place to control the virus can potentially increase the risks to children.

#### Domestic abuse

The Government's advice to stay at home has never applied if a person needs to leave their home as a result of domestic violence. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse and you have a cause for concern regarding a child call the **NSPCC helpline** for advice and support on **0808 800 5000** or the **National Domestic Abuse Helpline** on **0808 2000 247**. If you are in immediate danger always call 999 and ask for the police. If you are unable to talk listen to the questions asked by the police and respond by coughing or tapping the handset where you can.

#### If you need help please reach out

**NSPCC**  
0808 800 5000  
(24hrs)

**National Domestic Abuse Helpline**  
0808 2000 247  
(24hrs free)

**Mind**  
0300 123 3393  
(Mon-Fri 9-6)

**Victim Support**  
0808 168 9111  
(24hrs)

**Cruse Bereavement**  
0800 808 1677  
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

**ChildLine**  
0800 1111  
(24hrs)

**Action on Elder Abuse**  
0808 808 8141  
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

**Respect - Men's Advice Line**  
0808 801 0327  
(Mon-Fri 9-5 or 8pm)

**Samaritans**  
116 123  
(24hrs free)

**National Centre for Domestic Violence**  
0207 186 8270

### Child Sexual abuse and exploitation

When a child is sexually abused they are forced or tricked into sexual activities but they may not understand what is happening to them, or may be afraid to tell someone. Sexual abuse can happen anywhere, in person or online. It is never a child's fault and it is important that children know this. There are a number of online agencies who can provide resources and support including <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting> <https://tacklechildabuse.campaign.gov.uk> <https://www.nspcc.org.uk> <https://stopitnow.org.uk>

### Crime, Criminal Exploitation and County Lines, violence and gangs

Children involved with gangs, county lines and criminal exploitation need help and support. They might be involved in violence, be pressured into doing things like stealing, carrying drugs or weapons or be abused, exploited and put into dangerous situations.



Contact the **NSPCCs "Criminal exploitation and gangs"** if you have concerns that your child is being criminally exploited, involved in gangs or county lines.

**0800 800 500** or email [help@nspcc.org](mailto:help@nspcc.org).

The Children's Society has resources on criminal exploitation and county lines for parents who have concerns that their child may be criminally exploited or involved in county lines

[www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk) –

Parent Info has information for parents about knife crime and gang involvement

<https://parentinfo.org/>

If your child is missing from home and you have concerns about a child being involved in gangs, drug dealing or county lines exploitation you can contact the Missing People SafeCall service on <https://www.missingpeople.org>

### Protecting children from radicalisation

Although rare, increased online activity and feelings of stress and isolation may be exploited by online groomers to target vulnerable children including extremist influences seeking to radicalise vulnerable people.

Extremists may use the coronavirus outbreak to promote hateful views e.g. through conspiracy theories blaming a particular group for the virus, or through spreading misinformation about these groups responses to it.



## ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE



1 in 3 Internet users worldwide is a child



750,000 individuals at any point in time are estimated to be looking to connect with children for sexual purposes



Child sexual abuse is captured through images and videos that are being shared online. There are currently more than 46 million unique images or videos of CSAM\* in EUROPOL's repository alone



Detecting and reporting this material helps rescue children from ongoing sexual abuse and prevents further trauma from their images being shared online

23.4M

But the volume is growing exponentially: Of 23.4 million reports to NCMEC from 1998 to 2017, 40% were reported in 2017 alone



It affects children that are very young - 91% of CSAM assessed by INHOPE network in 2018 depicted children under 13 years of age

\*CSAM: Child Sexual Abuse Material

End Violence Against Children

Online exploitation is often hard to recognise. Sometimes there are clear warning signs and other times less so. You will know your child best, talk to them about what they are viewing, who they are speaking to and how they are feeling. These resources may be useful

Educate against hate parents' hub

<https://educateagainstthehate.com/parents>

Let's Talk About it <https://www.ltai.info/staying-safe-online/>

Prevent can help your child get support to move away from harmful influences. This support can include help with education, dealing with mental or emotional health issues, or digital safety training for parents. **Call the police on 101 to get advice or share a concern**

### School Nursing Service

The Director of Public Health for Southend Borough Council has put measures in place to support young people and families living in Southend.

During this time whilst education providers are closed, the School Nursing Service will continue to offer a duty service; a registered senior nurse will be available to answer any questions, queries or referrals via the telephone.

The service can be accessed via the telephone on 01702 534843 or via email on:

[sccg.southendpublichealthnurses@nhs.net](mailto:sccg.southendpublichealthnurses@nhs.net)



### Darlinghurst Designated Safeguarding Team

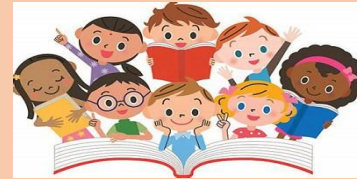


Mrs Grant  
Inclusion Leader



Mrs Dutton  
Assistant Principal

Don't forget to **share story time** on our Instagram account



Remember that **if you aren't there you can't share** and the children may move on to another website in your absence!

### Who to contact

If you would like to contact outside agencies for advice, help or guidance, please contact one of the numbers below:

**First Contact Team** (Social Care): 01702 215007 (Mon-Fri)

**Out of Hours Team** (Social Care): 0845 6061212 (365 days)

**NSPCC Helpline:** 0800 800 5000

**Childline:** 0800 1111

**Police:** 999 (Emergency) or 101 (Non-Emergency)

For any queries please email us at [generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk](mailto:generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk)

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