



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Parents' Safeguarding Newsletter- Summer 2022

Each term we will bring the latest safeguarding developments and information to you in order that we all work together to keep our school community safe.

Safeguarding Responsibilities

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Harrop
Designated Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Mrs Farrell Mrs Sutton
Designated Safeguarding Lead Trained	Mrs Donnachie Mrs Burke Mrs Sheldon
Mental Health First Aiders	Mrs Harrop, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Sutton, Mrs Castro, Mrs Gee and Mrs Robinson.
Emergency First Aiders	All staff
Wellbeing Champions	Mrs Sheldon, Mrs Bullock, Mrs Dreniw, Mrs Conway, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Raw.
Safeguarding Governor	Mrs Donnachie
Online Safety Governor	Mrs Butler
Health and Safety Governor	Mr Thorgaard



Developing Healthy Relationships

As children get older they begin to develop stronger and more independent relationships. They may start to realise that some relationships and situations can have an impact on the way they feel.

Make sure children and young people know how to contact Childline for support if they need it. Show them the [Childline website for under 12s](#).

Tips for promoting healthy relationships to 5- to 11-year-olds

Empower children to have individuality and help them understand that everyone is unique.

Praise children for demonstrating honesty, kindness, and respect for others.

Give children opportunities to voice their opinions and encourage them to listen to other people's views.

Help children understand that "no" means "no" and make sure they know who to talk to if they are ever uncomfortable with something they have been asked them to do.

Work with children to resolve conflicts and help them understand how others might be affected.

Talk to children about bullying in all its forms and make sure they know how to get help if they need it.

It can be difficult to tell the difference between what is healthy or concerning sexualised behaviour.

Increase your understanding of how to provide an effective response to harmful sexual behaviour.

Useful NSPCC resources

AGENDA

AGENDA is a [free online toolkit](#) that's available in English and Welsh. It provides creative ways to help children to speak up about the issues they care about and challenge gender inequalities and gender norms.

Share Aware

Our [videos and lesson plans](#) will help you teach children about staying safe online. Topics include the risks of chatting to strangers and sharing pictures online.

Books to read

We have also put together a [list of books](#) about healthy relationships which you can use to help start conversations.

CEOP

CEOP help children stay safe online and prevent them from harmful abuse. If anybody acts inappropriately towards a child or young person online (such as sexual chat, or being asked to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable); they can report it using the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP) button.



Operation Encompass

Our school participates in a national scheme called 'Operation Encompass', which is a joint partnership between Police and schools. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified. **This system has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident.** We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour. Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, we, the school receive information after a child has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident. We are then able to use this information to provide the right support to any child and their family as and when it is needed.

If you have been affected by domestic abuse, please tell someone. We are here to help.

Summer Water Safety



Please talk to your child about water safety. This simple poster may help.

Other summer safety conversations could include sun safety, railway safety and stranger danger safety.