



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

SAFEGUARDING EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Designated safeguarding Leads

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Useful numbers

Childline	0800 1111
Wigan Safeguarding Hub	01942 486262
Wigan Social care Referral and Assessment team	01942 828 300



Operation Treacle



Halloween Safety Advice

Halloween can be a lot of fun for children and young people, but it can also be distressing and intimidating for some residents. If you are going 'trick or treating' please respect and consider others and follow these top tips to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time:

DON'T

- **Go alone** - 'trick or treating' is more fun and safer if you go in a small group with friends and family.
- **Go into houses** - stay on the doorstep where the responsible adult can see you.
- **Play pranks that may damage property** - this could result in arrest and a criminal record.
- **Demand money or intimidate people** - Halloween can be a night that some residents dread, so be respectful and polite.
- **Don't throw eggs or flour** - it's classed as a criminal offence and you will be arrested!

DO

- **Look out for Treacle posters** - These will let you know whether 'trick or treaters' are welcome at a house or aren't.
- **Take extra care crossing roads** - more accidents happen to children in the dark.
- **Go with an adult** - get a responsible adult to go with your group to help in case you have any problems.
- **Dress to be seen** - wear light, reflective clothes or carry a lamp or torch so that drivers and your responsible adult can see you.
- **Respect people's rights** - be polite, don't go out too late, ring or knock only once, and be prepared to take 'no' for an answer.

Bonfire Safety Advice

Have a Safe Bonfire Night! Please consider attending an organised event rather than risking your safety by having your own bonfire.

Bonfire Safety

FIREWORK SAFETY CODE

- Ideally attend an organised display.
- Fireworks must not be sold to any person under the age of 18.
- Buy fireworks marked BS 7114 or CE.
- Keep fireworks in a closed metal box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arms length using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby if you are setting off fireworks in your garden.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors.

Alcohol and fireworks do not mix and may lead to injury.

To report unofficial bonfires on public land please contact your Local Authority

Operation Encompass

The project, Wigan Encompass, has been in place now for over 12 months. It is designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. This information is shared on school days during the school term. When incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police contact the relevant school the following Monday.

A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At Golborne High School our Key Adults are Alison Bolton and Andrea Hickey. They are able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families. Information is shared where it is identified that a child or young person resides at an address where a domestic abuse incident took place. The information is shared by email, even during the school holidays. This enables our safeguarding team to ensure that they can check that relevant safeguarding procedures have been put in place and that any of our children that have either witnessed a domestic incident or are impacted by a domestic incident are at the centre of any decision making that takes place.

The Operation Encompass letter, explaining this in more detail will be issued within the next two weeks. Any further information can be accessed on the school website or by contacting Mrs Bolton directly.

Training New Staff Only

A reminder that if you have not already done so please return your completed safeguarding declaration to Alison Bolton. If you are new to the school you also have to complete your online training. (See Carol Brockbank) and the Channel General Awareness Course using the following link. http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness/01/index.html