



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

SAFEGUARDING EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY AUTUMN 1

Designated safeguarding Leads **Useful numbers**

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E-Safety

There have been a rise in the last half term of our pupils being contacted by potential on line perpetrators. The advice to give pupils is as follows:

- ◆ If you don't know them in person don't accept them as a friend
- ◆ Share contacts with parents
- ◆ If in doubt tell someone

Sexting

This refers to the sending and receiving of inappropriate images.

The new guidance is as follows:

Handling incidents

- Refer to the Designated Safeguarding Lead
- DSL meets with the young people involved
- Do not view the image unless it is unavoidable
- Discuss with parents, unless there is an issue where that's not possible
- Any concern the young person is at risk of harm, contact social care or the

Police

Where possible the police would want to avoid criminalising young people. In some cases it is right and proper to contact the police. However, the police can record the crime as outcome 21 which should not show up on a DBS check in later life.

Operation Encompass

The police have launched their new strategy called Operation Encompass. This is a new way of sharing information with schools specifically regarding Domestic Violence incidents. To be classed as DV the perpetrator must be over 16. The police are asking schools to sign up and roll out the programme to pupils and parents and the police will contact schools via the safeguarding lead's email when a domestic incident has taken place. The roll out programme has started and the school should be up and running with this before Christmas.

Anti-Bullying

Bullying incidents are rare at Golborne but please continue to re-iterate the school's commitment to ensuring we are a safe place and what to do if bullying takes place. I would really like the pupils to focus on empathy and how words can hurt. Using a crumpled up piece of paper can help with this. Crumple the paper up and then smooth it out. Does the paper look the same? No it doesn't and you can explain to the pupils that is how it feels if you are the victim of bullying. You can smooth things out but it is rarely the same.

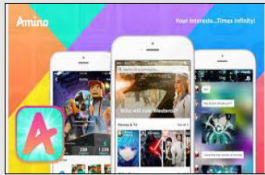
Potential CSE Social Media Application

A recent investigation has highlighted an app called "Amino".

The app allows users to create a profile where they can pretend to be a character, cartoon, vampire etc. and they can discuss fantasies.

The app appears very child like with colourful cartoon characters and could be quite easily overlooked by parents.

The site appears to revolve around fantasy role play and would be an ideal tool for use by CSE perpetrators wishing to contact or groom victims.



Child Sexual Exploitation

Please warn pupils of the APP described to the left.

There are concerns that the APP may be a potential CSE risk to young people. In fact any APP that encourages children to communicate with people they do not know could be a potential CSE risk.

CSE continues to be the single most concerning element of safeguarding. A new focus on Peer to Peer CSE is being picked up through inspections. This is something that the pupils need to be very much aware of. If unsure, refer back to the September training notes and video.

Mental Health

Mental health, especially in boys continues to be a concern for schools and society. This is no different for Golborne High School. In a recent report, we were commended for our pastoral structure which encourages people to speak out when they are feeling low. Never underestimate your contribution as tutors and support staff when it comes to looking after the mental health and well being of our pupils. If you are concerned about a pupil, please contact myself, Heads of House or Lisa Griffiths in Focus.

Lisa has some fantastic resources in Focus and the work she has done with our pupils has had some fantastic results. If the pupils feel good, they will achieve well.

LGBTQI

The focus of OFSTED continues to be for those who share a protected characteristic (LGBTQI). It is important that we foster good relations and ensure that they are not subjected to any kind of bullying.

Attendance

Attendance is inspected under safeguarding. Therefore it is important that registers are done promptly and accurately. The second one being the most important. Pupil services must do first day absence calls to ensure the safety and well being of every pupil in the school. To do this effectively, they must be assured that all AM and PM registers are sound.

TOOTOOT

Please ensure our pupils are reminded of the Toot Toot APP. This will be rolled out to Year 7 next week. The main reason is for the pupils to be able to report concerns if they are scared to do so in school. I would appreciate your help in raising it's profile in school.

Prevent Duty

The issue of radicalisation is still there. Remember in Wigan, although all potential radicalisation threats are there. We must pay particular attention to Far Right Extremism as these are the cases that have been presented at the CHANNEL panel. Please observe anyone in your classes who may be isolated, have very strong views, show elements of disillusion with society. If you are concerned please complete the appropriate paper work and pass it to the Designated Safeguarding Lead

And Finally

A Big Thank you from me in terms of your commitment to ensure the safety and well being of our pupils. Please continue to refer any concerns to myself, Andrea and the other Heads of House using the correct paper work. However small you think something is, there may be a bigger picture that we are aware of. Your information could be our vital piece of the puzzle. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

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