



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

SAFEGUARDING EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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Useful numbers

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Wigan Safeguarding Hub

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Healthy Relationships

Support if you're worried about your child's relationship

Realising that your child may be involved in an unhealthy relationship can be upsetting and worrying for parents and carers. It can also be difficult to know if something's wrong or how to help them. We can help you to spot the signs of an unhealthy relationship and know what to do if you're worried.

Signs that a child might be in an unhealthy relationship are:

- Becoming isolated and spending little time with family or friends.
- Controlling behaviour, such as being told what to wear, always needing to let the person know where they are or what they're doing or having their social media accounts monitored.
- Feeling pressured or like they have to do things they're uncomfortable with. This could include being pressured into sex or to [send nudes or sexual images](#).
- Having their money, access to food or day-to-day items controlled.
- Being prevented from working or going to school or college or feeling reluctant to go to school.
- Persistent changes to a child's mood or behaviour can also be a sign that something's wrong. Being [bullied](#) or experiencing sexual bullying, either online, in private or in front of others at home or in school.

Talking to children about consent

It's important for parents and carers to talk to their children about sex and relationships to help keep them safe and recognise the [signs of abuse](#). We have advice to help you start the conversation below. It can also help to speak to teachers at your child's school about the kinds of topics being covered in sex and relationships education and discuss how you could add to this at home.

When talking to your child about sex and relationships, it's really important that you help them to feel supported by listening openly and non-judgementally. Let them know that they can talk to you if anything inappropriate or that's upset them has happened, whatever the circumstances. And that it's never their fault if it has.

Anti Social Behaviour

There has been an increase in the number of incidents involving anti-social behaviour of our pupils. Please speak to children regarding their actions outside of school and the impact this has on the local community and the reputation of our school which we have worked so hard to improve and build on..

Anti-Social Behaviour

It still saddens me that there are still a lot of reports regarding pupil behaviour outside school towards sometimes quite vulnerable and elderly members of the community. We need to be kind to each other and celebrate being part of our community.

The behaviour of the pupils outside school still impacts on us. Even when our pupils are dressed in their own clothes, it is amazing how many members of the public know they attend here.

Pupils need to conduct themselves as they do when they are in the school community and be aware of the impact their behaviour has on others. I have received two phonecalls recently from one elderly neighbour who is frightened to walk past the bus stop through fear of what will be said and one parent with a young child who does not want to walk past the school when pupils are entering and leaving the school.

I am certain parents want their children to display the very best of themselves in or out of school and as a community we can all get along and be there for each other if we really try,

Anti-Bullying

I feel that lockdown has had a profound effect on how our pupils behave towards each other. During a time where we were promoting communicating online and via social media we have sadly seen an increase in pupils being unkind to one another.

We must promote a culture where people feel safe and truly understand the consequences of being unkind to one another. Bullying can manifest itself in lots of ways including but not limited to:

- **Isolating someone**
- **Saying mean and unkind things about someone online**
- **Name calling**
- **Physical bullying**
- **Making fun of someone's appearance**
- **Banter**

If we do not have something nice to say then we need to ensure we don't say anything at all. This is going to be a massive focus of the New Year

COVID 19

Anyone who feels they are suffering because of the impact of the pandemic please do not feel you are alone. School can help and offer support and guidance. Please contact us by using the email address

Safeguarding@golbornehigh.wigan.sch.uk