

Cherry Tree Primary School and Nursery



Safeguarding Newsletter

(This newsletter is also available on our website – www.cherrytree-pri.essex.sch.uk)

Autumn Term 2022

Useful Telephone Numbers

Citizens Advice Bureau –
Basildon 03444770808

National helplines:

- [National Domestic Violence Helpline](#) **0808 2000 247**
- [National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline](#) **0800 999 5428**
- [Respect](#) **0808 802 4040**
- [Men's Advice Line](#) **0808 801 0327**
- [Shelter](#) **0800 800 4444**
- [NSPCC Helpline](#) **0808 800 5000**
- [ChildLine](#) **0800 1111**
- [Samaritans](#) **116 123**
- **PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation)- 0113 240 3040**

If you have any concerns about a child in our school please do not hesitate to contact one of the school's Designated Leaders.

Our Safeguarding Team:

Mrs. Milsom (Pastoral Leader)

Mrs. Cory (AHT – Inclusion Leader)

Mr. Kiddie (AHT- KS2)

Mrs. Tiffin (AHT – Early Years)

Ms. Stone Riley (Headteacher)

Miss Barlow (Deputy Headteacher)

Governor: Mrs. Walsh (Chair of Governors)

If you are concerned that a child or young person is being harmed, neglected or is at risk you should contact Essex Social Care (Children and Families Hub) on [0345 603 7627](tel:03456037627). Out of hours: (5.30pm - 9.00am Monday - Thursday, 4.30pm-9.00am - Friday and Bank holidays) Telephone: 0345 606 1212 or [email](#). In an emergency call the Police on 999.

Around 1 in 5 children have been exposed to domestic abuse

All children witnessing domestic violence are experiencing emotional abuse. Children will react in different ways to being brought up in a home where there is violence, and things such as age, gender, culture and personality will all play a part on how they're affected. They may feel they are to blame, may feel angry, guilty, insecure, and alone, frightened, powerless, or confused. They may have mixed feelings, both towards the abuser, and towards the non-abusing parent. Violence can interfere with your child/ren's lives in other ways. They may feel unable to invite friends round (or may be prevented from doing so) out of shame, fear, or concern about what their friends may see. They may feel guilty, and think the violence is their fault, or that they ought to be able to stop it in some way. Worry, disturbed sleep and lack of concentration can all affect schoolwork. If you're worried about your child, there is help available. **To make a disclosure of domestic violence either for yourself or someone else contact [Essex Police's Domestic Abuse Central Referral Unit](#): 101 extension 180340. Or Essex Police's domestic abuse non-emergency number 0800 358 0351**

Please remember to check our school website for information and updates.
www.cherrytree-pri.essex.sch.uk

Age Restrictions on Social Media Services

We know that social media services are popular with young people of all ages. Parents have an important role in helping prepare their children to go online before they start to use social media platforms. Together you can look at the key things they need to know about staying safe online, critical thinking, and the safety settings that are available to them.

WhatsApp have announced a change to their terms and conditions for users based in Europe. Users will now need to be 16 to use WhatsApp.

Nearly all other social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services. This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype.

Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account (enabling them to subscribe to other channels, like videos, post comments, share their own content and flag inappropriate content).

When looking at [creating a profile online with your child](#), have a discussion as a family and make this decision together – talk about why they want the account and ensure that any family members using social media know what [tools are available to help them stay safe](#). You may want to use our [family agreement](#) to support with this.

Do you know that **Minecraft, Roblox and Fortnite** are not as safe as you might think? Do you know by restricting the 'chat' in games, this does not stop your child talking to other people?

Do you know that Essex Police have worked on cases of **paedophiles grooming groups of children on these games?**

Do you know how **gang culture and radicalisation** online affects your child?

Do you know what **media sources** your child forms their opinions from?

Do you know that **self-generated images** is now common among children in Years 5 and 6 across the county?

The 2 Johns' will open your eyes to a world we, as adults, didn't grow up in. Your child is growing up within and into this digital age.

Parents Online Workshop Monday 10th October 2022 (6-8pm)

E-Safety Training for parents, carers and adults, delivered by former Essex Police Officers.

We strongly advise at least one adult per family attends this event.

The online link will be sent nearer the date.

Services available- Directory of Services

For families who need additional support or early help the [Directory of services](#) contains information about national and local groups.