

Cherry Tree Primary School and Nursery



Safeguarding Newsletter

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

Spring 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](tel:03456061212) or [email](#). In an emergency call the Police on 999.

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 in how they are affected. They may feel blame, may feel angry, insecure, alone, frightened, powerless or confused. They may have mixed feelings, both towards the abuser, and towards the non-abusing parent. Violence can interfere with children's lives in other ways. They may be unable to invite friends round out of shame, fear, or concern about what their friends may see. They may feel guilty, and think that the violence is their fault, or that they should be able to stop it in some way. Worry, disturbed sleep and lack of concentration can all affect schoolwork. If you are worried 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.**

Child Exploitation includes sexual, criminal (including county lines), modern slavery and online. Children who are exploited usually do not recognise the coercive nature of the relationship or see themselves as a victim. **Exploitation is not the child's fault.** Abusers are very clever in the way they manipulate young people. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the fight against exploitation. For example, did you know a child can be recruited to a gang from hundreds of miles away? More and more often young people are being groomed remotely to carry out 'jobs' in their community, for their exploiters who live on the other side of the country

Spot the signs of exploitation

Online commodities – receiving game currency and other gifts within games.

- Children who are alone and look frightened and maybe have no tickets or money to pay the fare
- Children/adults who look frightened in the company of other children or adults
- Children travelling alone at night
- Those who do not look comfortable with adults they are travelling with
- Allows others to speak for them when addressed directly
- Those under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Children in school uniform during the school day
- Their physical appearance may show signs of injury, malnourishment and maybe unkempt
- They might seem unfamiliar with the local area, or not have a local accent
- They could be travelling during school hours or unusual hours (early in the morning, late at night)

Student Social Workers in Schools (SSWIS) - Together we can make a difference- CTPS continue to work with the Anglian Ruskin University to provide student social work placements. They are in school 3 days per week. Their role is aimed to be supportive, with children and families and multiple needs - **Contact Mrs Milsom Pastoral Leader if you are interested in accessing support.**

About Safer Internet Day Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. **Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February** and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

Young Carers – are for children and young people under 18 years old who provide regular and ongoing care to another person who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misuses substances. Essex Youth Service offer free personalised support to young carers and their families. **Families can self-refer or a referral can be made by a professional. If you need further information please contact Mrs. Cory the Young Carer's School Operational Lead.**

