STAYING SAFE OVER

Summer Time



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SAFETY OVER THE SUMMER

As we enter into an extended period of time away from school, we would like to provide you with a number of avenues of support over the holidays to access if you have any concerns about your child.

Please find below a range of links to access support for key areas of concern.

GENERAL CONCERNS

NSPCC

Support and tips to help you keep children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child

- ***www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe***

FAMILY LIVES

Provide advice and support on what parents can do with their child to help them grow and develop

- ***www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/confidential-helpline***

READY, STEADY, GROW

Support families on the phone, Skype and via email. They welcome chats about anything worrying you - from a crisis to everyday parenting challenges and are available 7 days a week:

- ***www.coventry.gov.uk/start-life/ready-steady-grow***

MENTAL HEALTH

There are a range of resources available to support if your child is struggling over the holidays. Some helpful links are below:

- ***www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/mental-health-support/supporting-a-child-or-young-person***
- ***www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/my-feelings***
- ***www.kooth.com***
- ***clearfear.stem4.org.uk***



ONLINE SAFETY & SOCIAL MEDIA

Keeping children safe online is a huge challenge facing all families but there are a wide variety of resources available to support you. We urge all families to regularly spend time with their children checking their phone together and ensuring all apps are safe and secure. Below are some key points:

SNAPCHAT

Snapchat is an app that poses many risks to children from photos and chat disappearing to children adding unknown people. There is also a section of the app called “My eyes only”. This is a password protected photo album on the app where inappropriate images may be stored. Further advice can be found here:

- ***Safeguarding Children on Snapchat***

YUBO

This is an app that masks itself as a social media app but has a very similar format to an adult dating app like Tinder. Please mindful if your child uses this app as its designed to encourage meet up’s.

REPORT REMOVE

This is a feature Childline provide where young people can confidentially report sexual images or videos of themselves and remove them from the internet.

LIFE 360 APP

This is the leading app in family safety and location sharing. This is helpful and advised you discuss the use of this with your child so they are aware of the purpose.

There is a link below to Childline where there are a number of helpful resources including the above.

- ***www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety***

REPORT REMOVE
Nude image of you online? We can help take it down.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION/ CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION

There are a number of factors that could indicate your child is at risk of/being exploited. Vigilance around the following areas are important:

- Change of friendship groups or new friends with people you don't know
- Increased phone activity or indication of more than one phone
- Possession of gifts or money which was not provided by you or family
- Any form of missing episode. It's imperative that you report your child missing if you have any concerns of their location

You can find helpful guidance and advice on the link below where you can find more information on signs of safety, resources and information.

- ***www.coventry.gov.uk/coventry-local-safeguarding-children-board/child-sexual-abuse/8***



Worried about a child?



If you are worried a child may be at risk of, or being neglected or abused, let the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) know on

024 7678 8555

Or, if out of hours Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on

024 7683 2222

In an emergency always dial 999!

Coventry Safeguarding Children PARTNERSHIP

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility