

Safeguarding Newsletter September 2020

Once more we are back in school and it is lovely to see how well the children have settled in. One of the things we have been required to do is provide every child with the chance to talk 1:1 with an adult about the good things that have happened to them recently and any worries they may have. This has been very successful and is something that we would like to continue in the future.

Safeguarding Leads in School

At Falcon, we are fortunate enough to have several key adults who are trained to deal with any safeguarding concerns. Please do contact us if you are in need of any kind of support yourself or have a concern about a child. If you do not feel comfortable reporting concerns to one of our designated safeguarding leads you can also ring CADs (Children's Advice and Duty line) direct on 0344 800 8020.

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Michelle Margree

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



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Rob Clarke



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Online Safety

Online safety continues to be incredibly important, particularly at the moment when the online world is moving so quickly. One way you can help keep your children safe is by ensuring you have set up parental

controls on all electronic devices. If you are unsure how to do this then you can go to <https://www.internetmatters.org/> and click on 'Set Up Devices Safely', where you will find how to set up a range of devices.

We are aware that some children in school use Tik Tok but please be aware that it has come to our attention that currently there is a video circulating on this app showing a man live streaming his suicide.

Road Safety

Once more it is very busy outside of school, particularly at drop off and pick up times and we urge you to bear this in mind when bringing your child to school or collecting them. There have been a few reports of children crossing Falcon Road dangerously so we would ask you to revisit road safety with your child and, whenever possible, ensure they are accompanied across the road. Furthermore, road safety also applies to bikes and it is important that both adults and children are riding safely at all times. Also, as the nights are drawing in reflective clothing is particularly useful.

Leeway



Leeway has launched a new live chat service on its website, which will provide advice and support to those experiencing domestic abuse.

Operated by a new First Contact Case Worker, the service has been funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk.

The live chat will initially operate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am and midday, and enhances Leeway's current advice and support provisions, which include email and telephone support. Those accessing the live chat will receive free, confidential and non-judgemental advice and support on issues such as safety planning or referring to other Leeway services.

Throughout the lockdown period, Leeway has seen a 25% increase in the number of people visiting their website, as well as an increase in the number of people accessing support via email.

The live chat will provide a safe and discrete way of accessing advice and support, without alerting the perpetrator in the same way that a telephone call would. <https://www.leewayssupport.org/blog/leeway-launches-live-chat-service/>

Finally, we know that people often find it difficult for lots of reasons to ask for help but please do not struggle on. Everybody's lives have changed and it is really important to seek support or even just talk to someone. If you need any advice, signposting or are concerned about the welfare of a child, please do not hesitate to contact me, Michelle Margree (safeguarding lead,) at school by ringing 01603 441417 (term time only) or by e-mailing mmargree4nry@nsix.org.uk

Other Useful Numbers

CADs (the Children's Advice and Duty Line)-03448008020 (If you are concerned about a child's welfare)

or

Early Help-Broadland-01603 217612/ City-01603 224101.

Red Cross: 0808 281 0000

Just One Number : 0300 300 0123

Samaritans: 116 123 free from any phone

Leeway: 0300 561 0077

Young Minds: 020 7089 5050

Childline: 0800 1111

Parentline: 07520 631590