

Safeguarding Update



E-safety

May 2015

We have an **e-safety section** to the school website, there are plenty of useful guides and information for staff, parents, Governors and students. It would be great if you could find time to keep updated on any new information.

The safeguarding team will continue to send out the safeguarding update and e-safety parent update in case you miss any of the key messages.

As part of our drive to ensure the students stay safe at school or in “cyber space” it is important you know your responsibilities when handling personal and sensitive information.

Data protection

The school has a Personal Data policy. All staff should know and understand their statutory obligations under the Data Protection Act to ensure the safe keeping of personal data, minimising the risk of its loss or misuse. You must abide by the Data Protection Policy (found on the website and staff handbook) about the secure handling, transfer and disposal of data (passwords, encryption, and removable media).

We inform parents and carers about their rights and about the use of personal data through the Privacy Notice on the website and in Data Protection Policy.

CEOP

The school website displays the CEOP button where anyone can get advice, help or report an e-safety issue.

Confidential email

Any staff member can report confidential issues (including e safety) on the confidential email

confidential@aspire.blackpool.sch.uk

You can also report incidents to Neill Oldham, Lisa Shuttleworth-Brown or Student Services

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1. Government - SEND: supporting local and national accountability

Plans to support long-term local and national accountability for SEND.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-supporting-local-and-national-accountability>

2. Government - SEND: guide for parents and carers

A guide on the support system for children and young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND).

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

3. Government – Safeguarding students from extremism and radicalisation

Parents who have concerns about their children may look to schools as a trusted source of advice on how to keep their children safe from these risks. In addition to materials produced by local authorities and the police – such as the new “Prevent Tragedies” online campaign launched by the Police. There are online resources produced by civil society groups which provide valuable advice, for example ‘Families Matter’

Link: <http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk>

<http://www.familiesmatter.org.uk>

4. Government - Mental health and behaviour in schools

This document provides advice to schools on how to identify and support those pupils whose behaviour suggests they may have unmet mental health needs, including:

- how and when to refer to CAMHS
- practical advice to support children with emotional and behavioural difficulties
- strengthening pupil resilience
- tools to identify pupils likely to need extra support
- where and how to access community support

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-and-behaviour-in-schools--2>

5. NSPCC– National operational framework

An NSPCC led collaboration, which includes the Local Government Association and the Youth Justice Board, has developed a 'national operation framework' to help local authorities develop a more consistent and improved approach to supporting children with harmful sexual behaviour

Link: <http://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/1150996/framework-set-to-improve-councils-response-to-harmful-sexual-behaviour-by-children?>

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6. Launch - 'Rise above' website

Health and wellbeing website for young people (27/02/15)

The 'Rise Above' website, launched today, offers help for young people on how to deal with personal and societal issues. Created by young people for young people, the 'Rise Above' website aims to build emotional resilience in individuals aged 11 to 16 by equipping them with the skills and knowledge they need to make informed decisions, and help deal with the pressures of growing up. It also encourages conversations about the key health and wellbeing issues that affect teens and young people.

Link: <http://riseabove.org.uk/>

7. Legal– Balloons

HSE Case 348 - Children not allowed to have balloons (24/02/15)

Issue: Enquirer was told that they could not give out air-filled balloons to children after a library book event due to unspecified health and safety reasons. Instead they had to burst them and throw them away.

Panel opinion: What a lot of hot air! There are no health and safety regulations which stand in the way of children having fun with balloons.

Link: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/myth/myth-busting/2015/case348-children-not-allowed-to-have-balloons.htm>

8. Legal– Safeguarding women and girls at risk of FGM

Crime Prevention Minister Lynne Featherstone today announced front line professionals will have a mandatory duty to report cases of FGM. The intention to introduce the measure was announced by the Prime Minister at the Girl Summit 2014, the first global summit to mobilise domestic and international efforts to end FGM within a generation

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/crime-prevention-minister-announces->

9. Reports - Bullying online

1 in 7 seven children admit to bullying online (10/02/15)

One in seven (15%) children has bullied others online, according to a survey published by Action for Children today.

Nearly 60% of children responded that they bullied to fit in with a certain social group. The survey, which asked 2,000 8 to 17 year olds about their activity online, also revealed over 40% did so to prevent being targeted themselves.

Link: <http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/news/archive/2015/february/one-in-seven-children-admit-to-bullying-online> http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/publications/content_920