



Safeguarding Newsletter

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Dear all,

Welcome to our Spring 1 safeguarding newsletter from your safeguarding team here at Wenlock.



Setting Up Devices

With devices being a main part of young childrens lives this is an ideal time to get information out to parents about the importance of setting up devices with parental controls in relation to the age of the child.

Talk & learn regularly

Together, explore privacy and safety settings on their favourite platforms.

Together, learn about online safety issues that might impact your child.

Keep these conversations going for continuous support.

Ask them to teach you about their favourite online platforms to create an open environment for conversation.

In-app purchases

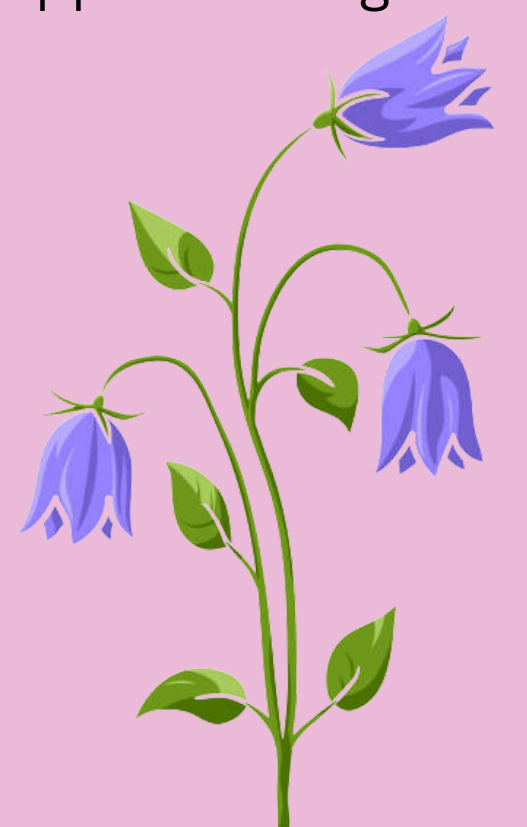
You may want to avoid your child spending your hard-earned cash on things like filters or game features. The best way to prevent this is to change the settings for in-app purchases. You could disable or password protect them.



Location services

Location services are used by apps and websites to help tailor experiences to where users are at any given moment. This means that they could be sharing the location of your child's device, but consequently also showing where your child is too.

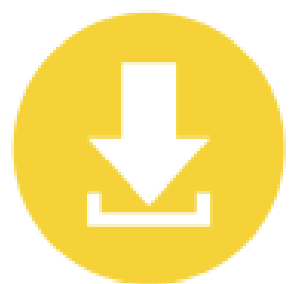
To prevent sharing this data, it's a good idea to switch off this feature. Remember there are apps and widgets that you can use so that only you have access to this information.



Prepare their device



Explore the device controls and settings to set limits on inappropriate content, screen time, spending and more.



Download and install the apps and games you're okay with your child using.



Set up controls in these apps and games to help keep your child safe while they play, browse or chat.



Install or set up additional parental control apps for further protection.

Universal Credit Days Out in 2025



Going out and about with the whole family in 2025 doesn't have to break the bank particularly if you receive benefits. There are many UK attractions that are offering heavily discounted or even free admissions for anyone who gets Universal Credit or other key benefits.

Below is a list of some of the places that are offering discounts and ticket costs.

- ZSL Whipsnade Zoo and London Zoo:- Tickets cost just £3 per person for those receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance. You will need to book in advance and bring proof of benefits when you visit.
- Historic Royal Palaces:- The Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, Banqueting House, Kensington Palace, Kew Palace and Hillsborough Castle are places that you can get discounted tickets to visit. Historic Royal Palaces are an independent charity that looks after key landmarks. It offers tickets for £1 if you receive Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance. Tickets must be booked online and you can take up to 6 people from your household. Proof of benefit must be shown.
- Westminster Abbey:- A World Heritage Site, Westminster Abbey has been the site of many significant events in British history, including coronations, royal weddings and funerals. It is also the resting place of many notable people including 17 monarchs. The Abbey has introduced a discount rate for people who get Universal Credit. The price is £1 for an adult or £1 per an adult and 1 child. You will need to show proof of Universal Credit on entry.

There are many other discount places to visit, please follow the link attached to read more and also find information regarding discounted travel.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/money/32540683/universal-credit-benefits-free-days-out-cheap-tickets/>



What have we done to support the children in school

CAMHS
Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

This term we have had the CAMHS Luton team in to present an assembly to Years 3-6 on being kind and how our words can sometimes hurt other children. The children all enjoyed this and were able to engage in the assembly and also give their ideas of different hurtful words that sometimes are said. The children were also given advice on the different things that can be said that they might not find hurtful but other children might do. All children really enjoyed the assemblies and taking part. We hope that the message of being kind and saying kind words will support the children in their friendships and for them to be able to think about what they say before saying something.





CAMHS Luton Coffee Mornings

CAMHS Luton have been in this term and completed 2 successful coffee morning's. They have discussed different topics with parents and have also been able to talk through different difficulties that parents might be having with their children.

We have had a good turn out to these coffee morning's and have arranged for further coffee mornings to take place. Some of these will be on certain topics and we are looking at CAMHS coming in for an informal coffee morning if parents would like to just have a coffee and a talk about different questions and advise.

Dates for these coffee morning's will be advised and our boards will be outside the school gates and the Serenity room on the mornings of the coffee morning.

If you feel that you cannot wait for a coffee morning and would like to speak to someone for advise please speak to one of our Safeguarding/Pastoral support an we will be more than happy to help and support you.



The pastoral team offer a lunchtime club for pupils in the Serenity room. The children have opportunities to participate in craft activities and games and we have a calm area with a rug, cushions and a tent.



Below are some numbers contacts that may be a support over the holiday period:

Women's Aid Helpline – 01582 391856 (10am – 5pm Monday to Friday)

Luton Police Station 01582 401212

Housing Out of Hours 01582 720703

Samaritans 01582 720666

National Domestic Violence Helpline Tel - 0808 2000 247 (24 hour help line)

NHS 111 service/ Mental Health Crisis Line: Tel: 111 and then select the mental health option

MASH: Telephone 01582 547653 (If you have immediate safeguarding concerns about a child)

Out of hours: 0300 300 8123

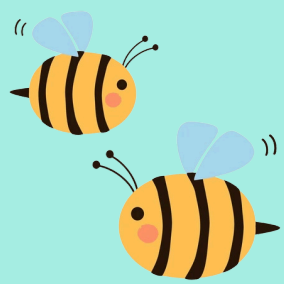
E-mail MASH@luton.gov.uk Website Further information on safeguarding children

Luton Foodbank Telephone: 01582 725838 (Mon-Fri, 8.30am-4pm) info@lutonfoodbank.org.uk



Below are the members of the Safeguarding team that you can talk to about concerns you might have.

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss L Raynor

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Ms O Burke



Mr M Hudson



Miss R Anderson



Mr T Clark



Miss C Robinson



Miss N Palmer

