



Safeguarding Newsletter

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Dear all,

Welcome to our Autumn 2 safeguarding newsletter from your safeguarding team here at Wenlock.

Setting Up Devices

With the holidays fast approaching some children will be getting new or upgraded devices, older devices may be handed to younger children. 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.

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.

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.



Top tips for cycling safely with children



- Seek routes, where you can, that are entirely off road, using segregated cycleways away from traffic. For anyone, of any age, cycling on roads is risky. Rural roads with lots of bends and high speeds are particularly risky, and so are urban streets with high volumes of traffic, trucks and buses.
- It is recommended that children under the age of 10 do not cycle on roads, ever.
- The whole family should wear cycle helmets; set a good example for your children by wearing a helmet too.
- If you and your children use roads to cycle, make sure you all have lights and wear bright clothing such as high-visibility vests. This particularly helps drivers with poorer vision to see you on dull days as well as at night
- Make sure your child's helmet is new and undamaged. Don't use a second-hand helmet. Fit your child's helmet with care, making sure the strap is snug under their chin.



What have we done to support the children in school



This term we have had the Youth Partnership service in to deliver an assembly to the Yr 6 children on antisocial behaviour. There have been some incidents within the local community that we have been made aware of involving children hanging around in parks and causing damage to property, this is a current contextual safeguarding concern for our school and our pupils. The community support officers also attended this assembly to support the children with any questions they had.

We have built up a working relationship with the officers and you may have seen them at events that you have been invited to as parents to offer advice and support to you and we are hoping that their presence will be a support to the community.



Our year 5 children have had workshops delivered by Luton All Womens Centre on VAWG (violence against women and girls). This was delivered in a very sensitive manner and explored gender stereotypes and how we can stop these and promote equality.

These were very interactive and engaging the children were very vocal and offered up lots of great ideas and opinions around this.

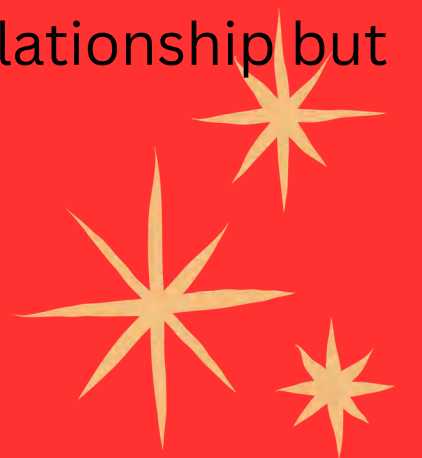
Luton All Womens Center also facilitated a coffee morning within school to support parents with this.

Luton All Womens Centre provides support by:

- Focusing on more in-depth and earlier interventions to shape pro-social attitudes of VAWG before negativand harmful entrenched views are formed.
- Taking steps to encourage young boys and teens to become male allies and promote positive behaviour across the county.
- Targeting the adults who are key influencers in a child's life to learn these messages and model pro-social behaviour.

Did you know

- Over a quarter of girls aged 11 – 21 say they, or someone they know, has experienced controlling/ bullying behaviour from a partner. Just under a quarter say the same for experiences of violence from a partner.
- One in two women aged 16-21 have experienced controlling behaviour in an intimate relationship but over a third of this group admit they don't know who to turn to for help.



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

Parents,
guardians
& carers...

THANK YOU.



The safeguarding team here at Wenlock
Would like to thank you all for your support.

We look forward to seeing you all back in the new year!
(we have a coffee morning on the 9th January at 9am please pop in)

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



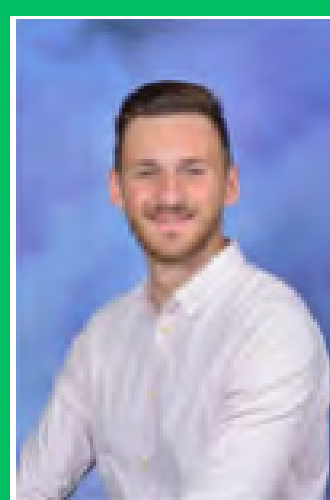
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