

Safeguarding Newsletter



Spring Term 2020

Welcome to this term's Safeguarding newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to communicate key information to parents concerning Safeguarding and how as a school we aim to keep you informed to actively promote the safeguarding and welfare of all our pupils.



FamilyLine

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Family pressures can sometimes be difficult to manage without emotional support and guidance to help.

The free FamilyLine service tackles these issues in a new and innovative way by using a network of trained volunteers from across the country with the knowledge and experience of family issues to support family members over the age of 18 through telephone calls, email and text message.

They can provide a listening ear, answer particular parenting questions or help with guidance around more complex issues. They can also provide longer-term support through regular sessions with their Befrienders and Counsellors. All support takes place via telephone, text message or email and is free.

Family members aged 18 years old and over from anywhere in England and Wales can get in touch with the service for free using the details below.

Opening times:

Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm and 6pm to 9pm

Contact details:

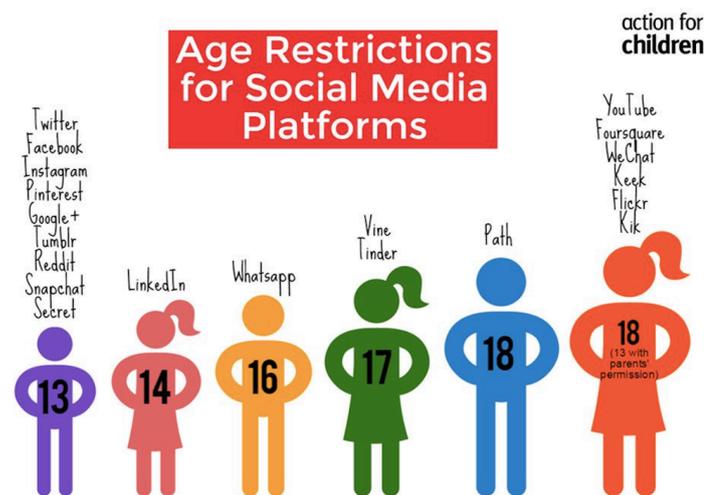
Telephone: 0808 802 6666

Text message: 07537 404 282

Email: familyline@family-action.org.uk

Live web chat: <https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/familyline/>

useful websites to help you keep your child safe online.



action for children

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org>

What does the school do as part of Keeping Children Safe?

At Alverton, your child's safety is of paramount importance and we ensure that we train all our staff so that we always comply with current legislation (Keeping Children Safe in Education).

Child Protection / Safeguarding Training

Each year, all our staff receive Child Protection training updates in addition to any new information which comes along. Training is also extended to Governors. Nine staff are trained to Level 3 (inter-agency working) and each attends training with a different focus such as neglect or mental illness. Our Governors have received safeguarding training on their roles and responsibilities. All staff regularly revisit our key policies to ensure that they remain up to date and vigilant at all times and are confident that they can support all the children in our care.

Combatting all aspects of extremism in School (Prevent Duty for Schools)

From 1st July 2015, all schools are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 in the exercise of their functions, to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". All staff annually revisit their prevent training.

Vetting and Recruitment

Our procedures ensure that, when recruiting any new members of staff, we carry out enhanced checks. Any member of staff who has taught abroad has to undergo an overseas check. All new staff are inducted appropriately by a member of the Senior Leadership Team with appropriate Safeguarding training.

Visitors and Volunteers

Our policy ensures that any volunteer wishing to carry out a long term placement has the appropriate security checks in place. We ensure that all visitors and volunteers in school are supervised by school staff. We also ensure that any visitor to school invited to deliver a talk or presentation to pupils does so under the supervision of a member of staff.

Health and Safety

The school is regularly checked to confirm that equipment and the school site is always safe for pupils and we arrange for all our equipment to be externally examined and ensure that all appropriate checks and tests are up to date.

Who can I talk to if I am worried about a child?

If you see it, hear it or know about it - report it!
This could be a child being neglected or any other kind of abuse.

Mr Higgs is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Alverton School and **Mrs Wicks** is the Deputy DSL. They will always be willing to listen to any concerns you may have.

If they are not available, Mrs Clemens, Mr Dawe, Mrs Daylak, Mrs Hall, Mrs Hughes, Mrs O'Neill and Mrs O'Rourke have all received additional safeguarding training and will be able to help you.
01736 364087

**Cornwall Multi-
Agency Referral Unit**
0300 123 1116

NSPCC 
HELPLINE
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

ChildLine
0800 1111 