



### WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

**If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999**

### Meet the Designated Safeguarding Team:

The Safeguarding Team oversee and co-ordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.

#### Designated Safeguarding Lead:

**Mrs V Prowle**



#### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mr C Pickard  
Miss N Chinnery  
Mrs L Bright

#### School Safeguarding Governors:

Mr L Donohoe

All can be contacted via the office or by telephone on:  
**01582 728262**

For a copy of our school's Child Protection Policy, please visit the Safeguarding page on our [school website](#):

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The Safeguarding Team would like to wish you all a healthy and happy new year! It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the festive break and to hear all of their excited chatter about what they've been up to with you and their wider families.

I'm sure many of the children will have received gifts they can use to go online so it is a good opportunity to give some thought as to how we can all support them to stay safe in the virtual world whilst having fun – take a look at last term's newsletter, our online safety page on the school website or the National Online Safety App to find out how.

This half term we have some important events to promote the children's resilience, mental health and ability to keep themselves safe which I've highlighted on the second page of this newsletter. It promises to be another busy few weeks!

*Mrs V Prowle (Designated Safeguarding Lead)*

### Useful Safeguarding Acronyms and Vocabulary

- DSL:** Designated Safeguarding Lead
- MASH:** Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
- CP:** Child Protection
- CiN:** Child in Need
- CEOP:** Child Exploitation and On-Line Protection Centre
- KCSIE:** Keeping Children Safe in Education
- PREVENT:** Part of the Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn in to extremism
- CAMHS:** Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- SEND:** Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Report any concerns if you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused, please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead, or any member of staff. You can also contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on:

☎: 01582 547653

Out of Hours service: 0300 300 8123

✉ [MASH@luton.gov.uk](mailto:MASH@luton.gov.uk)

Or make an online referral via the website:

[https://directory.luton.gov.uk/kb5/luton/directory/service.page?id=aJZE\\_QSgZfQ](https://directory.luton.gov.uk/kb5/luton/directory/service.page?id=aJZE_QSgZfQ)

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



### Types of Child Abuse

Physical

Sexual

Emotional

Neglect



# Children's Mental Health Week 5-11 February



Launched in 2015 Children's Mental Health Week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK and this year's theme is 'My Voice Matters.'

1 in 6 children now have a diagnosable mental health condition. By taking part in Children's Mental Health Week we can help ensure that children and young people across the UK feel listened to and know that they're not alone.

**Look out for news on our website about what Putteridge Primary School will be getting up to during this week and how you can support your child/ren's mental health at home.**



## Did you know?

In the average primary school class, at least two children have suffered abuse or neglect which is why the NSPCC have developed the 'Speak out. Stay safe' programme which empowers staff to tackle difficult topics with their pupils and helps children understand:

- Abuse in all its forms and the signs of abuse
- Abuse is never a child's fault
- Sources of help available to them, including Childline

This week the whole school heard these important messages via virtual assemblies provided by the NSPCC and presented by Ant and Dec and, Y2, 5 and 6 have workshops in the coming weeks to reinforce these and explore some of the themes in more detail.

As a result, the children will be able to identify safe adults they can speak to if they are worried about themselves or a friend. They understand that by speaking up, they can get the help they need and are aware of the NSPCC ChildLine phone number as an extra source of support.



For more information about the programme and how you can reinforce these messages at home, please visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/working-with-schools/>

## What is the PREVENT Strategy?

**Prevent** is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

The **Prevent Strategy** covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme far-right wing and extreme Islamist groups.

## How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools and parents?

From July 2015 all schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremism and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

**The Prevent strategy** is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children the British Values: the *Rule of Law*, *Democracy*, *Individual Liberty*, *Tolerance* and *Mutual respect*.

We do many age appropriate things in school to help students become positive, happy members of society, which also contributes to the Prevent Strategy. For more information visit the **PREVENT** page on our website.





# Online Safety Day

27<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Children should feel safe **at all** times. This includes when they are online. We have a **School Internet Safety Agreement and Policy** which is regularly reviewed and updated. Staying safe in the virtual world is regularly discussed in class and we have yearly workshops for the children to further promote the importance of this.

Workshops by ECP are also offered to parents to offer advice, support and helpful tips for increasing internet safety in the home, including filters, time-limits and safety settings on various apps and devices as well as some of the risks of social media platforms that you may not be aware of. **This year's workshops for children in Years 1-6 will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February with online versions for parents and carers also available that week (further information regarding how to access these will be published nearer the time).**

**Online Safety For Parents & Carers**

Provided by a specialist from Education Child Protection Ltd.

What is covered in the session?

- What children are taught about online safety (specific to their age)
- Latest trends of what children are doing online
- Details of the current 'apps' & games that children are using & playing
- The issues & dangers children face online
- How we can make children safer online
- Details of what support is available for you & your family

Don't forget to also download the free **National Online Safety App** which can help you keep up-to-date with new developments in keeping your child/ren safe.



The link below takes you to the e-safety pages on our website where there is lots of information and further links to websites that can support you at home, including useful 'What Parents Need to Know' factsheets on all things gaming and social media.

<https://www.putteridgeprimaryschool.org.uk/page/onlinesafety>

## 'What Parents need to know'



The **National Online Safety Website** publishes excellent guides for parents about all aspects of online safety. Some of these are shared here under various categories.

On each page there is a list of the relevant guides for that section with the **National Online Safety website's** summary to help you find what you need. The actual PDFs are then towards the bottom of the page.

Keep checking back for more!

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