



# The Safeguarding Times

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**If you have a safeguarding concern about any of our children, please email:  
safeguarding@pennsji.bham.sch.uk**

**Edition 4**

Welcome to 'The Safeguarding Times', an opportunity for Penns Primary to share current safeguarding information to parents

## Keeping your child safe online

There are several ways to help keep child and young people safe online:

- Educate yourself and children and young people know about the dangers online
- Tell them what they should do if anything goes wrong online or upsets them i.e. tell someone about it
- Explain that anything shared online or by mobile phone could end up being seen by anyone
- Ensure computers and laptops are used where you can see and not out of sight in a bedroom
- Use parental settings, filtering software and privacy settings to block inappropriate sites and content

## Useful sites for further information and advice:

[NSPCC - National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children](#): Advice and support for adults concerned about a child.

[CEOP - Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre](#): Organisation that works to stop child abuse on the internet.



Attendance is a safeguarding issue.

If your child has regular and/or unexplained absence, this is a red flag for safeguarding. Make sure your child is in school

## Worried about a child?

### Contact details

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm  
Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm  
Telephone: 0121 303 1888

### Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

'It could happen here'



**REPORT  
HARMFUL  
CONTENT**

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>

**Pace**

Parents against  
child sexual exploitation

<https://paceuk.info/for-parents/>

**YOUNG MiNDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

**Expectations in School - Visitors – Green is GO : Red is STOP** A visit from an outside agency to work with a child should be planned and recorded in the school diary. You should check the photo ID of the visitor, and they should be willing to show their ID card. **Red lanyard.**

- Visitors undertaking regulated activity (generally defined as working directly with children) are required to have a completed Enhanced DBS. The worker must provide a letter from their line manager, on headed paper, with DBS number and issue/expiry date or confirmation that DBS clearance has been attained. **Green lanyard.**
- If any visitor is working within the school 3 times in a 30 day period they should be recorded on the single central register, where their name, organisation, ID check and DBS number or letter from line manager is recorded. **Green lanyard.**
- Children are to be educated about the importance of 'lanyards' in school and can challenge anyone in school who is not wearing one.
- **Visitors wearing red lanyards must be escorted at all times – it is all our responsibility to challenge.**

Children with additional needs are at greater risk of abuse – make sure you are aware of the signs

Most research suggests that disabled boys are at greater risk of abuse than disabled girls when compared to non-disabled children. (NSPCC, 2014)

Disabled children are more likely to be abused by someone in their family compared to non-disabled children. The majority of disabled children are abused by someone who is known to them.

Disability is a common feature where children have experienced abuse.

Children with disabilities at greatest risk of abuse are those with behaviour/conduct disorders.

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021  
(Updates)

### Peer-on-Peer Abuse

All staff and parents should understand the importance of challenging inappropriate behaviour between children and young people. Certain behaviours should not be downplayed as 'joking', 'banter' or 'boys being boys' as this can lead to a culture of unacceptable behaviour, an unsafe environment for our children and a culture that normalises abuse. Any parents with concerns regarding peer-on-peer abuse should speak to a designated safeguarding lead straight away

Our mental health champion is:

Mrs N Christie

If you have any concerns regarding your child's mental health, please contact Mrs Christie on: 0121 464 8014



**family lives**



<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/confidential-helpline/>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free\* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). Please call us on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life.

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<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/newsletter/safeguarding-in-education-update>

<https://gb.safeguarding.network/content/safeguarding-resources/specific-risks-children-additional-needs/>