

Talbot Primary School Safeguarding Newsletter

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Please be aware! What is child sexual exploitation?

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a type of [child sexual abuse](#). With more and more children using mobile phones and online gaming, concerns have been raised, when children are not monitored frequently. Individuals can manipulate children into sexual activity online through chat's online or messaging platforms.

Below are some of the ways children can be exploited sexually online:

- have sexual conversations by text or online
- send or post sexually explicit images of themselves
- take part in sexual activities via a webcam or smartphone.

The impact on a young person if sexually exploited is massive.

Below are some of the impacts on a young child if they were exploited.

- isolation from family and friends
- falling behind on schoolwork, failing exams or dropping out of school altogether
- teenage parenthood
- unemployment
- mental health problems
- alcohol and drug addiction
- having a criminal record
- suicidal thoughts and attempts

One message to all parents: monitor what your child is doing online and stick to the social media app guidelines, they are guidelines for a reason!

As Christmas is not far around the corner, please consider what you are going to purchase your children. Do they need a phone? Do they need a console? If so, how are you going to protect from the vulnerabilities from being

Mental Health support for young people and families.

If parents/ carers require additional mental health support, the following charities are available to support:

Mind

Information and support as well as helplines for people experiencing mental health problems and their friends and families.

Rethink Mental Illness

Advice as well as services and support for people affected by mental illness and their friends and families.

Samaritans

Round-the-clock confidential support to people going through a tough time.

SANE

Emotional support to people affected by mental health problems and their families and friends.

Children coming to school Early!

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time but do not allow them to be at school too early prior to the school gates opening. Some children were late coming into school last year because they were spending time in the park next to the school or the heathland. Children were seen by staff at 7:50am on some occasions. This is too early for pupils to be waiting to come into school.

Change of Safeguarding Platforms for Talbot Primary School

Over the summer holidays Talbot Primary School moved to a new safeguarding platform so staff can continue to be monitor and ensure safeguarding pupils remains the top priority when they come into school everyday. The change over will not have an impact on the school community and all staff have been trained in how to use the new system.

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County Lines– Please be aware!

Please be aware of the national concerns of County Lines which has shown a large increase of young people being exploited from an early age.

County Lines is where illegal drugs are transported from one area to another, often across police and local authority boundaries, usually by children or vulnerable people who are coerced into it by gangs.

The 'County Line' is the mobile phone line used to take the orders of drugs.

A common feature in county lines drug supply is the exploitation of young and vulnerable people. Dealers will frequently target children and adults - often with mental health or addiction problems - to act as drug runners or to move cash.

This can happen at any age. Please be mindful if your child goes out to play in the community, understand where they

Self referral Early Help parenting support– Please use if you need support.

Early Help

As part of the new Early Help BCP strategy parents are encouraged to use the Early Help advise point for support with challenging behaviour, family support or parenting advise (information on left of page).

Please visit:

[Family hubs, early help and outreach centres](#)

