



South Farnham Educational Trust
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Safeguarding Newsletter

February 2024

Part 1 - Info for DSL

The opening page will be full of useful links and articles suitable for DSLs and staff with a 'hot topic' chosen which could be used as part of staff meetings.

Part 2 - Info for children/parents

The second page will have useful links and information that could be lifted and included in school newsletters for parents/carers

Safeguarding updates

Consultation on non-statutory guidance for pupils questioning their gender

The DfE published a [consultation](#) on non-statutory guidance on how best to support pupils questioning their gender in schools and colleges. The consultation remains open until Tuesday 12 March 2024.

Amendments to Statutory Guidance: Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023

The DfE has also published amended statutory guidance for Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023. This revision to the guidance focuses on strengthening multi-agency working. A full list of changes can be found [here](#). The changes include:

- principles for working with parents and carers that centre the importance of building positive, trusting and co-operative relationships to deliver tailored support to families;
- expectations for multi-agency working that apply to all individuals, agencies and organisations working with children and their families, across a range of roles and activities; and
- new national multi-agency child protection standards that set out actions, considerations and behaviours for improved child protection practice.

Forthcoming governmental changes to check out/ look out for:

Online Safety Act

NSPCC Learning has published a [blog](#) about what the Online Safety Act means for children and those working with them. The Act will not change your duties as a professional regarding online safety, but it may affect your working practices, so you may need to review and update your policies and procedures.

The Act criminalises sharing an intimate image of someone without their consent and sending an explicit image for the purpose of sexual gratification or to cause the recipient humiliation, alarm or distress.

Everyone working with children should be aware of these new offences and know what to do to support a young person who has had an image shared without their consent, or who has received or sent an explicit image.

Supervision

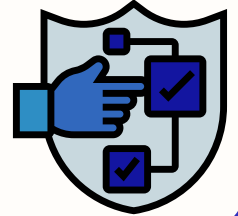
Supervision ensures work with young people is effective, safe and follows procedures. It helps staff manage the complicated feelings that arise. This [page](#) provides some guidance and offers you help in your role.

Hot topics - 7-minute Briefings - [link](#)



Parent Info

February update



YOUNGmINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

What is anxiety?

Anxiety is a feeling of worry or fear that is experienced as a combination of physical sensations, thoughts and feelings. Everyone will feel anxious sometimes, but these feelings will usually subside once a particular moment – such as taking an exam or trying something new – has passed.

Anxiety can become a problem when these feelings don't pass and a young person feels constantly anxious, overwhelmed and distressed. It can also become a problem when previously enjoyable activities or tasks start to make a young person feel anxious. Young people may start to withdraw and limit what they feel able to do.

[READ MORE](#)

Upcoming Teacher Events

DSL Network Event

13th March 2024

[Book for Free](#)

PSHE Essentials: Growing
Positive Physical & Mental
Health & Wellbeing
(Primary)

20th February 2024

[Book for Free](#)


Surrey Healthy
Schools



Safer Internet Day (6th February) is about change online, including:

- young people's perspectives on new and emerging technology;
 - using the internet to make change for the better;
 - the changes young people want to see online;
 - the things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline.
- Ahead of the day, the UK Safer Internet Centre has created educational resources for those working with children. The free resources are tailored for 3 – 18-year-olds and deliver messages to support the campaign theme.

You can [download the resources](https://www.saferinternetday.org) and find out more about getting involved.

Keeping our Friends Safe

Secondary Resource

The Keeping Our Friends Safe secondary school resource is designed for all schools who have pupils in Year 7 to 11.

The resource comprises of two downloadable PowerPoint presentations:



Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

Organisations that can help

There are many organisations that can provide practical advice and help on supporting your child. Please select on a topic below for a list of organisations that can help. The services and information that are offered vary from organisation to organisation, so it's recommended you explore a few to find the one that works best for you and your family.

If you can't find the information you are looking for or need further help, contact Hampshire Children's Services:

Tel: 0300 555 1384

Email: childrens.services@hants.gov.uk

For emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life contact the Family Lives Parent line Plus helpline:

Tel: 0808 800 2222