

# Harby C of E Primary School

## Safeguarding - Information for Parents during enforced school closure due to Covid-19

### Reporting safeguarding concerns

At Harby C of E Primary School we have designated safeguarding leads whom you can contact if you have any safeguarding concerns. If you have general concerns or questions relating to online learning about your child please contact their Class teacher via the class email in the first instance, however if you have significant safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the safeguarding team.

### School contacts

During this unusual time of school closure contact can be made with the Headteacher via the school mobile 07543634738 Monday to Friday - as if school were open.

In addition, you can also email the school office on [office.school@harby.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office.school@harby.leics.sch.uk) to request an urgent call back and response in relation to safeguarding and we will contact you as soon as possible to discuss.

### Urgent concerns

If you have significant and immediate concerns about a child.

**Phone 999 if a crime is being committed or a child is in immediate danger.**

Contact Leicestershire police on 101 if you think a crime is being committed but no immediate danger.

Immediate safeguarding concerns - First Response Children's Duty 0116 3050005

[childrensduty@leics.gov.uk](mailto:childrensduty@leics.gov.uk)

### Online safety

As children are likely to be spending more time online at the moment than they normally would, it seems like a good time for a reminder about online safety. The NSPCC has a range of useful information on their website, covering topics such as online games, livestreaming and video apps, internet connected devices, parental controls and social networks - please see

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=GEN - Safety - %5BBMM%5D&utm\\_term=e\\_safety&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIqcjEzre16AIVxYbVCh3OWQWyEAAAYASAAEgLebPD\\_BwE&gclid=aw.ds](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GEN-Safety-%5BBMM%5D&utm_term=e_safety&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIqcjEzre16AIVxYbVCh3OWQWyEAAAYASAAEgLebPD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds)

A common tactic of sexual predators is to trick young children into getting changed or undressed on camera by playing a 'game' or issuing a 'challenge', for example, to see how fast they can get changed into different clothes or into a swimming costume. This might happen over video chat or livestreaming app and children often don't even know this has happened. Videos are often taken and then circulated.

**In addition, we will be updating and developing an internet safety page where you can find further advice and guides about online safety and games.**

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## Support for Parents - Important Contacts

We are aware that school is often a first port of call for parents and that this support is physically limited by the current school closure due to Covid19. During this time please access support directly from the services detailed below, should you need it:

Children and Family wellbeing service - **0116 3058727**

### Leicestershire Helpline

If you're an adult and live in Leicestershire, mental health crisis support is available:

- Telephone the free helpline: 0808 800 3302, 24 hours a day. Your call is confidential.
- Email [Leicestershire.Helpline@turning-point.co.uk](mailto:Leicestershire.Helpline@turning-point.co.uk) for a call back.

### Childline [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Comforts, advises and protects children 24 hours a day and offers free confidential counselling. Phone 0800 1111 (24 hours) Chat 1-2-1 with a counsellor online

### Kooth [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

An online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop and free to access

### Young minds [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

Advice and information about young people's mental health including information on CAMHS and what the next steps to seeking support are.

### Samaritans [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

24 hour confidential listening and support for anyone who needs it. Phone 116 123 (24 hours) Information and support for mental health issues

### LGBT Stonewall [www.youngstonewall.org.uk](http://www.youngstonewall.org.uk)

The UK charity for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and their allies. They offer information, advice. Phone 08000 50 20 20

### B-eat [www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk](http://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk)

The UK's eating disorder charity. They have online support groups and a helpline for anyone under 18. Phone 0345 634 7650 (4pm - 10pm 365 days a year) Email fyp@b-eat.co.uk

### The Mix [www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk)

Information, support and listening on everything for young people. 0808 808 4994 (24 hours), get lots of support online

### Drugs and alcohol Frank [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)

Confidential information and advice about drugs and substance abuse, whether it's for you or someone else. 0800 7766 00 (24 hours, won't show up on your phone bill)