

Safeguarding during Enforced School Closure

Periods of time when schools are closed can be full of hazards and risks to manage. Here is a roundup of some resources that maybe helpful.

Is the child at risk of immediate harm?

If you believe the child to be at risk of immediate harm, this must be reported to the police on **999** or **101**.

Once you have reported to the police, or the concern is not an immediate risk please contact the Local Authority where the child or young person resides, as follows:

Staffordshire: First Response Phone: [0800 1313 126](tel:08001313126)
www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Opening times: **Monday to Thursday** 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Friday** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Outside of the hours above, or on weekends and bank holidays, please contact the
Emergency Duty Team by phoning: [0800 1313 126](tel:08001313126)

Derbyshire: Call Derbyshire phone: [08456 058 058 – 24/7](tel:08456058058)
www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Leicestershire: First Response phone: [01163 505005 – 24/7](tel:01163505005)
www.leicestershire.gov.uk

Golden rules to safe Internet Browsing:

ICT is an everyday part of people's lives and schools are making increasing use of new technology.

- Children should ideally only add on social media sites people they know and trust in real life.
- Some predatory paedophiles can convincingly pose as another teenager and may spend months or years 'grooming' the victim until they meet face to face.
- Children must always be accompanied by an adult if meeting an online friend in person.
- Don't ban children from these sites; they will just use them at friend's houses or on their phone, personal media player or hand-held games console.
- Take an interest and suggest they add you as a friend so you can keep an eye on them when they first join.
- Have the main computer in a communal area of the home where there is passive supervision and be reasonable about time online. Talk if you feel it's getting out of hand (but remember how many hours you spent watching TV when you were their age – the internet is at least active not passive and they can learn a lot from it).
- If they have a wireless laptop and you want to stop them going online after a quota of hours is up, unplug the 'router' where the phone line comes into the house.

What to look for on a website:

- The CEOP report button is the online equivalent of dialling 999.
- We need to train young people, just like we do with 999, to recognise it and know how to use it if they need to.
- Look out for good websites that have the button built in.
- Some websites refuse to add the button, so visit direct: www.ceop.police.uk

Online bullying/Cyber Bullying:

- Cyber bullying is the use of the Internet and related technologies to harm other people, in a deliberate, repeated, and hostile manner.
- Children can be unkind to each other online. Bullying is not new but the technology has changed making it easier to track and prove who is responsible.
- If you suspect your child is having a problem, the evidence will be on your computer. If you can print off copies of messages and screen shots of web postings (ctrl + print screen).

Want to find out more about understanding and stopping Cyber bullying?

- Visit the CEOP channel on YouTube.
- Put this website in your favourites: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> and make sure every member of the family spends time familiarising themselves with the area aimed at them.

Other useful websites:

<http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/talk/cyberbullying.html>

<http://www.childline.org.uk/explore/bullying/pages/cyberbullying.aspx>

<http://www.cyberbullying.org/>

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/coronavirus-story-for-children/>

https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=this-downloadable-comic&utm_campaign=Weekly-03-03-20&t=1583271654945

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/>

<https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>

<https://littlepuddins.ie/coronavirus-social-story/>

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools>

Local Food Banks

Burton YMCA:

Website: <http://www.burtonymca.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/burtonymca/>

Burton Soup Kitchen

Website: <https://burtonsoupkitchen.webs.com/>

Burton Salvation Army

Website: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/burton-trent>

South Derbyshire CVS

Website: <https://sdcvs.org.uk/services/south-derbyshire-cvs-food-bank>

Ashby Food Bank

Website: <https://ashby.foodbank.org.uk/>

Further Information and support

| Name of Organisation | Location | Dates/Times | Contact Information |
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| CACH | Online/telephone | 24/7 | 07971 497988 |
| Communities against crimes of hate | | | https://www.cachpartnership.org.uk/ |
| Childline | Online/ free telephone | 24/7 | 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk |
| Young Minds | Online/ free telephone | 24/7 | 0808 802 5544 www.youngminds.org |
| Samaritans | Online | 24/7 | 116 123 www.samaritans.org.uk |
| NSPCC | Online/free telephone | 24/7 | 0800 800500 https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ |
| Frank | Online/free Telephone | 24/7 | 0300 123 6600 www.talktofrank.com |

If you have any questions or concerns, please email:

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