



Lauriston School

Safeguarding News Summer 1 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our summer 1 safeguarding newsletter. This newsletter focuses on Operation Encompass; our 'Jigsaw' theme for the term and online safety.

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead straight away.

Below are the names of staff who are part of the safeguarding team at Lauriston Primary School.

**Designated
Safeguarding Lead:
Ms Panesar**



**Deputy Safeguarding
Lead:**

Mr Harris & Ms Symes

Safeguarding Team:

Mr Warren

Ms Brooks

Ms Childs (Governor)

[https://
www.lauriston.hackney.sch.
uk/about-us/safeguarding](https://www.lauriston.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/safeguarding)

They can be contacted via the school office, or by tele-



The school takes part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police.

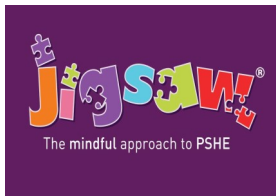
Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic abuse incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Dedicated Safeguarding Lead, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Safeguarding and our Curriculum

As stated in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child-centered. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child. We believe that it is in the best interests for our children to have opportunities to learn how to stay safe both in and outside of school. Therefore, safeguarding themes are weaved into lessons, across the wider curriculum, into assemblies and displayed as part of everyday life within our school.



Summer 1 theme: Relationships

Relationships starts with building a respectful relationship with self and covers topics including families, friendships, pets and animals, and love and loss. A vital part of this Puzzle is about safeguarding and keeping children safe; this links to online safety and social networking. Children learn how to deal with conflict, build assertiveness skills, and identify their own strengths and strategies for building self-esteem and resilience. They explore roles and responsibilities in families and friendship groups, and consider stereotypes.

Go to the link below to find out more about our JIGSAW curriculum:

<https://www.lauriston.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/jigsaw>

Lauriston's half term focus: **Online Safety**

Online life and offline life is just life - NCPCC

For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet and for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life.

Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

Children may come across news that upsets them, worries them, or makes them feel anxious.

Newsround have produced this article which you can share and read with your child providing them with tips about what to do if they are feeling sad about the news: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

Online safety resources

NSPCC have created resources to help your family talk about online safety.

Online safety top tips: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/cso_toptips_jan2022.pdf

Family agreement https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/cso_quiz_interactive_jan2022.pdf

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/cso_familyagreement_jan2022.pdf

Online safety quiz - https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/cso_quiz_interactive_jan2022.pdf

Family Games https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/online_gaming_safety_game_jan2022.pdf

Parent Controls

Click on the link below to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate contents. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Need advice about online safety?

If you're stuck, not sure what to do, or if you're worried about your child, you can also contact NSPCC's trained [helpline counsellors](#) on 0808 800 5000.

TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok. Users can watch musical clips, record clips (it includes lots of lip synching and dancing), edit them and add special effects.



Why should I be concerned?

You need to be aware that some of the videos may contain explicit language and sexual imagery, which may not be suitable for your child to view. There is also the risk of strangers contacting your child so make sure you have set up the appropriate settings. If your child is using TikTok then we recommend setting the account as private. Even with a private account, your child's profile information such as their photo and bio are still visible so ensure your child understands the importance of not adding personal information (e.g. location, age and phone numbers) to this area. This article explains how you can strengthen your privacy settings and what features are turned off by default for accounts for children aged 13 – 15: <https://newsroom.tiktok.com/enus/strengthening-privacy-and-safety-for-youth>

Family Pairing

This allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's account. This will allow you to set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of inappropriate content) and screen time management (control how long they can spend on TikTok each day).

You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

Challenges and Trends

Lots of them are fun and not harmful but sometimes they can be risky. TikTok have produced this resource to help you talk to your child about challenges and the potential risks: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/online-challenges/>.

Blocking and Reporting

As with similar apps, there is the ability to report and block other users so ensure your child knows how to use these features:

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/using-tiktok/followers-andfollowing/blocking-the-users>

Fortnite



Is your child playing Fortnite? It is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to 100 players compete against each other.

What do I need to be aware of?

- Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- In app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. Find out more about parental controls here: <https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/parental-controls>.

Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on as well. Further information <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gamingconsoles/fortnite-chapter-2-battle-royale-parental-controls-guide/>

For more information on online safety, go to our school website:

<https://www.lauriston.hackney.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>