



Welcome!

Welcome to Witham St Hughs Academy's Safeguarding Newsletter. Keeping children safe is of course, our key priority here at school. Safeguarding takes many forms including: Protecting children from harm; preventing impairment of children's health and development; enabling safe and effective parenting and giving children equal opportunities in life. We do many things every day in school to ensure pupils are safe including: ensuring all staff are trained in safeguarding; having clear policies and procedures in place to keep children safe; monitoring pupil attendance; ensuring a safe and healthy site; ensuring the behaviour of pupils is in line with the Academy behaviour policy and using our curriculum to teach children about risk taking, diversity, healthy lifestyles, managing relationships, online safety and much more. Our safeguarding policy is always available to view via our website.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



What is Safeguarding?

'Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all professionals should make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child. No single professional can have a full picture of a child's needs and circumstances. If children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.' - *Keeping Children Safe in Education*

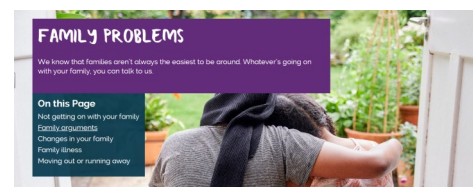
L.E.A.D. Academy Trust believes in: Creating and maintaining a safe learning environment for pupils; Identifying where there are child welfare concerns and taking action to address them, in partnership with other organisations where appropriate.

Focus on:

Online Resource - Childline

Many of you will be well aware of the work ChildLine do to support children and young people. This has continued to develop over the years and now includes a plethora of online support, as well as the traditional phone lines. Children in school are made aware of this resource through our Character Education lessons and through assemblies. There are some fantastic resources on the website that cover a huge range of topics and issues. Whilst some children may choose to access this independently, it may be a valuable resource to explore together too. Like all online activity this allows parents and carers to have an open and honest discussion with their children and answer the questions they may have.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>



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ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME



Who can help?

Every school has a 'Designated Safeguarding Lead'. At Witham St Hughs Academy, these are: Richard Stock, Emily Broadley, Hannah Younger and Michelle Dexter. Our safeguarding governor is Julie-Anne Leak. If you have any concerns in relation to a safeguarding, please feel free to speak to a safeguarding lead at any time.

Useful phone numbers

Social Services: 01522 782111
ChildLine: 0800 1111
Lincolnshire Prevent Team: 020 7340 7264
Young Carers Helpline: 01522 553275
NSPCC whistle blowing helpline: 08088 005000
FGM helpline: 08000 283550
Samaritans: 01522 528282
Family Services Directory: 0800 195 1635

Online Safety: Roblox

Roblox has been a major hit with children worldwide, even though it is an odd-looking and often confusing game. For adults at least!

Like Minecraft before it, its attraction to youngsters is partly because mum and dad don't get it. That makes it all the more exciting but can also lead to fears over its safety. After all, much of Roblox is played online.

There are many Roblox rumours, fake scare stories, and incorrect advice rife on social media and even in newspapers that demonise the game. However, children can play it safely and enjoyably with little supervision and understanding.

InternetMatters have put together a quick guide to help you understand what makes Roblox so popular and how to ensure your children don't get any nasty surprises.



<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI0omIqKSW-gIV0-3tCh3OTgFsEAAYASAAEgI0V D BwE>