

### 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.

### Focus on: Building Site Safety



Our local community currently has a significant amount of building work taking place close by. It is important that children understand the risks that building sites pose and how they can keep themselves safe when walking or playing nearby.

The link below takes you to a great video to watch alongside your child and prompt a discussion around building site safety. This link is more appropriate for KS2 pupils:

<https://www.hill.co.uk/national-child-safety-campaign-for-construction-sites>

This link takes you to an animated video aimed at younger pupils, again, this can be used to prompt discussion around building site safety. This link is more appropriate for EYFS and KS1 pupils:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vF-k3USXD4>



### Focus on: Coastal Safety

As the summer draws closer, many of our families may consider a trip to the coast over the next few months. Lincolnshire Police have produced a useful 'Coastal Safety' booklet which we have attached to this newsletter for your reference. It covers a wide range of areas including:

- Caravan safety
- The Atlantis Alliance
- Sandi Starfish
- Beach safety
- Water safety
- Domestic abuse support



**Your guide to  
Lincolnshire  
Coastal Safety**

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO MAKE THE LINCOLNSHIRE COAST  
THE SAFEST PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT

### 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 Marcus Capell. If you have any concerns in relation to a safeguarding, please feel free to speak to a safeguarding lead at any time.

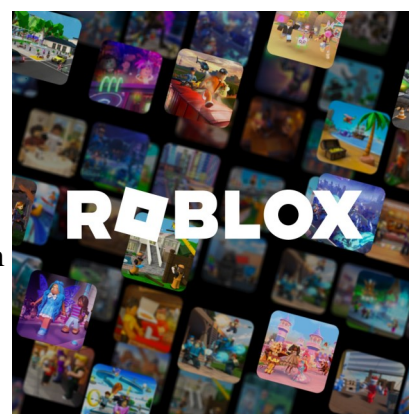
### Useful phone numbers

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

### Online Safety: Roblox - Parent Toolkit

The following link contains a host of useful information for parents and carers who allow their children to access Roblox. It covers a range of areas including:

- Parental controls, limiting who children can connect within online through this platform
- Updated safety centre information
- Blocking specific friends
- Blocking specific experiences
- How parents can download screen time insights



<https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2025/04/new-parental-controls-on-roblox>

Whilst Roblox is often seen as a very child-friendly online platform, it can still pose a significant risk to children if they use it unsupervised and/or parental control settings are not tightly managed by adults.

We also have a handy one-page Roblox guide on the safeguarding section of our Academy website should you wish to take a look.

<https://withamsthughesacademy.co.uk/content/uploads/sites/24/2024/06/Roblox-.pdf>