

Safeguarding Bulletin – New Year

Why have a bulletin?

Safeguarding and Child Protection is such an important issue for our children and young people that we do bulletins/newsletter that shares key information and advice with parents and carers so that we can all work together with the same aim of keeping children safe in school, at home and in the wider community.

Safeguarding relates to many areas of like at Barnhill including children's physical issues, attendance, managing medical conditions, internet safety, substance misuse, the dangers of radicalisation, child sexual exploitation, gang culture, FGM, neglect, domestic violence, forced marriages, sex and relationships education, British values and road safety among other issues.

At Barnhill, we feel it is really important to work with our parents and with the high quality agencies that support schools and young people so that we can offer a safe environment that allows children to be aware of the risks they may face and how to respond to them safely.

We hope that our school curriculum gives children opportunities to explore many of these issues in a safe situation – through assemblies, PSHCE, SRE, dedicated topic time and as key learning points arise in subjects such as Science so that we can equip our children with the knowledge, understanding and the right tools to make safe choices.

What is the role of DSL/DDSL at Barnhill?



The Dedicated Safeguarding Lead, Ms Hernandez (DSL) has a crucial role in taking lead responsibility for child protection issues in school. DSL's must be senior members of the schools leadership team and at Barnhill we have a Deputy DSL

supporting the DSL, Miss Snaith. There are many other staff also trained to the same level in school such as PSM's and Heads of Year.

A DSL is always available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns. There is a DSL on school site from 8am to 4pm every day.

DSL's are trained to take on this role and that training is updated every two years with additional training and conferences in between.

The DSL has many responsibilities including working with staff and agencies involved with safeguarding children, working with parents and families, giving advice to staff, training staff, managing referrals from staff and investigating concerns passing them onto the correct body as necessary, managing records of safeguarding and Child Protection concerns, keeping own knowledge up to date etc.

List of acronyms used in safeguarding:

CAFCAS: Children and Family Court Advisory and support Service	HBV: Honour Based Violence
CAMHS: Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service	ICPC: Initial Child Protection Conference
CCE: Child Criminal Exploitation	LAC: Looked After Child
CEOP: Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre	LADO: Local Authority Designated Officer
CGM: Core Group Meeting	LSCB: Local Safeguarding Children's Board
CIN: Child In Need	MASH: Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
CP: Child protection	MISPER: Missing Person
CSE: Child Sexual Exploitation	PEP: Personal Education plan
DA: Domestic Abuse	PR: Parental Responsibility
DBS: Disclosure and Barring Service	RCPC: Review Child Protection Conference
Early help – now known as Stronger Families in Hillingdon	SCR: Serious Case Review – now known as CSPR Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews
FGM: Female Genital mutilation	TAF: Team around the family

Some of the organisations that Barnhill have worked with:

Local Borough social services, out of borough social services, Tiger Light, Bernados, CAMHS, LINK counselling, AXIS, Police, Sexual health advisers, school nursing team, agencies working with mental health, Being Me, Diabetic nursing team, Victim Support and many more.

The team working with a student/s will ensure that their education is not overly affected by any appointments they are needed to attend, and that as a school we are provided any information that may support the young person at Barnhill within the education setting.

If you would like support in any of these areas please do contact DSL/DDSL in school.

Age restrictions for Social media platforms

Do you know what your child is doing online? Are you routinely talking to your child and checking what internet sites they are accessing?

It is very important to monitor and teach your child some key internet safety rules (and to role model them as adults helps)...

1. Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number
2. Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it – is it a photo you want everyone to see?
3. Make sure you ask friends if its ok to post a picture of them before you upload
4. Keep your privacy settings as high as possible – and regularly check these as companies change settings and do not inform you!
5. Check that you have your location setting turned off on your phone
6. Never give out your passwords (except to your parents if they want to check accounts to keep you safe)
7. Don't befriend people you don't know
8. Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do this
9. Remember that that not everyone online is who they say they are – adults sometimes pretend to be children to make friends with you online
10. Think carefully about what you say before you post something online
11. Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with some one else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude – sometimes it is better not to comment than to get into an argument
12. Use parental safety software/apps to block inappropriate internet use and monitor children's online activity
13. Ensure that the online games your child wants to play are appropriate to their age. Look at the Pegi rating this shows you the age they should be to play that game, and it is there for a reason



14. If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried – leave the website, tell a trusted adult immediately or report it to CEOP. Keep your webcam covered up when not in use.

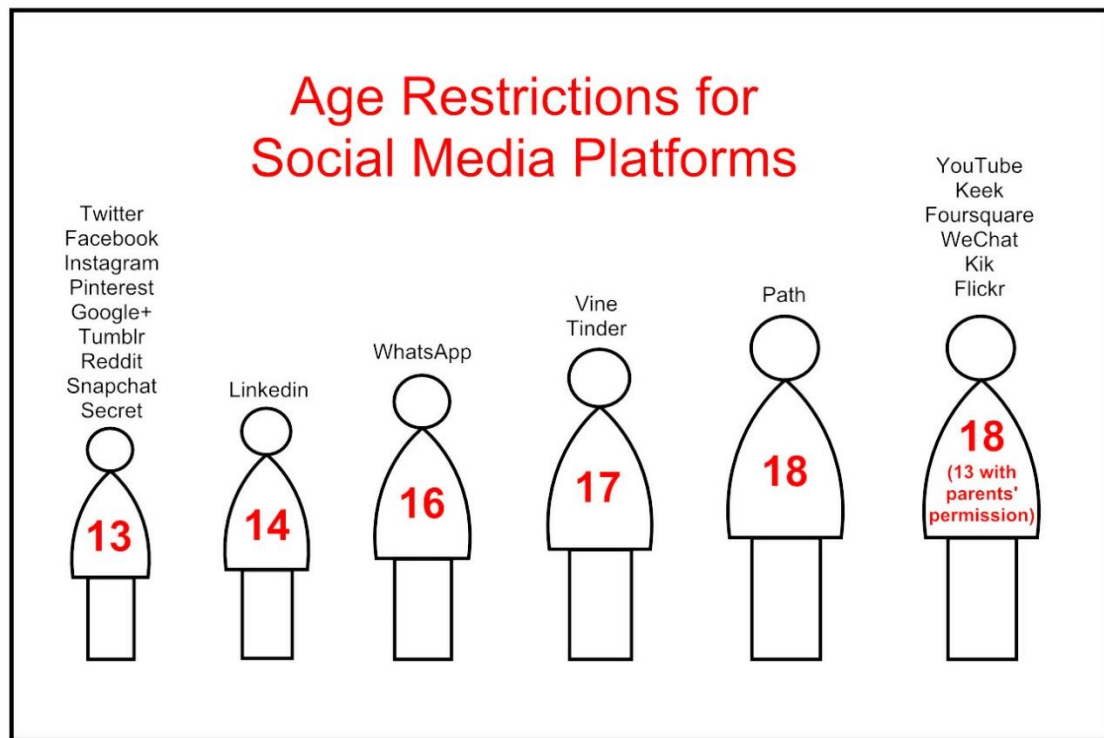
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>



Use this website to see the minimum age required for each app:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms



Useful places to go for information for your son/daughter:

Samaritans: 116 123

Childline 0800 1111 Specifically online safety 0808 800 5002

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

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/> 0808 802 5544

<https://www.kooth.com/>