

Safeguarding In Schools

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Safeguarding Briefing - 25th November 2024

A Note on Dangerous Gifts - Child Accident Prevention Trust

December is on the horizon. Families around the country are already putting up Christmas trees and tinsel is starting to grace our high streets. Before long mince pies, Mariah Carey and mysteriously familiar Santa Clauses will make their way into our lives. This is all in good fun, and children from Lands End to John O'Groats look forward to the build up to Christmas all year. However, not all presents are created equally. More than ever our Christmas shopping is done online from an increasingly varied list of providers. From imitation manufacturers, to sellers platforms like Etsy and to third party small businesses that use known provider logistics services, we're all trusting people ever further removed from us to provide high quality goods. Unfortunately this is far from guaranteed. Production firms abroad or within a 'cottage industry' may not have the strict manufacturing standards applied in the UK, or expected as industry standard. The Child Accident Prevention Trust has published a list of eight gifts most likely to cause an accident this year. If interested please follow the link below. It's always important to remember that prevention is always better than repairing.

<https://capt.org.uk/8-dangerous-gifts-to-avoid-this-christmas/>

Young Carers: Who are They and Why do They Need Support? - Action for Children

A young carer is someone 18 years old or under who helps look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or

alcohol problem. This could be a parent or a sibling. Some children begin giving care from a very young age, and others become carers overnight. Caring for someone can be very isolating, worrying, and stressful. For young carers, this can negatively impact their experience in education. Over a quarter of young carers aged 11-15 regularly miss school. This can have a lasting effect on their life chances. Action for Children have written an excellent article on this vital issue. If interested, please click on the link below:

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/blog/young-carers-who-are-they-and-how-are-they-impacted/>

Question of the Week

A child tells you that on the way to school an older teenager from another school showed him a knife at the bus stop. The teenager told him he had bought it from the shop across the road. What are your next steps?

Managing Difficult Conversations in Safeguarding - CPOMS

The safeguarding sphere is filled with difficult conversations, often between staff and pupils. In your careers a position in the safeguarding element may prove the most difficult you will ever undertake. Within this remit you will have to discuss allegations, brokering sensitive topics with parents and arranging inter-agency cooperation on challenging cases. CPOMS a firm specialising in safeguarding and educational technology, has produced an hour long webinar addressing the complexities of dialogue in safeguarding. If interested please follow the link below. The webinar is on demand and available around the clock.

<https://go.cpoms.co.uk/managing-difficult-conversations-in-safeguarding>

Have you ordered your copy of the Safeguarding Handbook yet?

You can order the latest copy of the Safeguarding Handbook by going to: <https://checkout.safeguardingschools.co.uk/sh2024>

SaFest 2024 - Devon County Council

Tomorrow will see the commencement of this years SaFest. Hosted by the Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership, the conference will last all week and is fully online. A series of fantastic sessions will be held examining issues, such as mental health, online pornography, missing persons and more. The list of speakers includes an outstanding 17-year old mental health advocate and founder of Spark UK, the clinical psychologist and pornography specialist Ellie Hanson, Dr. Sarah Hill - an expert in child sexual exploitation and many more. To register for what is certain to be an enlightening week, please follow the link below for booking instructions:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/safest-2024-fully-funded-online-safeguarding-conference-25-29-november-2/>

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Until next time, keep safe,

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