

Monthly Safeguarding Bulletin

May 2023

How we keep you safe:

If you are concerned about the welfare of any child or adult then please discuss this with a member of the Safeguarding Team.

We have a Safeguarding Team that is always happy to help in whatever way they can!



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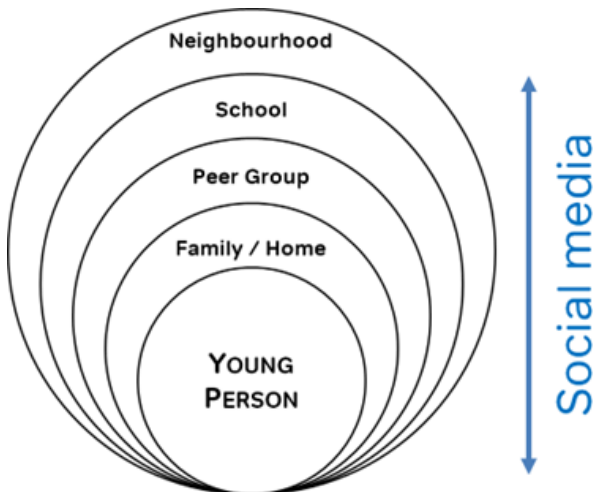
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Contextual Safeguarding

As young people grow, they spend more and more time outside of the family home.

Contextual safeguarding means:

- Understanding how and why children might be at risk outside the home
- Thinking about risks in schools, neighbourhoods and friendship groups, including online
- Understanding these risks and responding to keep children safe



This month we would like you to talk to you child about risks in your neighbourhood or areas where your child spends time outside of school and home.

Where do they spend their time and what are the risks? What could they do to stay safe?

What are they doing when they are online? What are the risks of this? What could they do to stay safe?

The Childline website for under 12s is a great source of information and advice on staying safe:

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

Please speak to a DSL with any thoughts you have on contextual safeguarding, particularly if there are any areas you would like more information or support with.



Roblox

Please be mindful if your child plays on Roblox that even though a child of any age can set up an account, there is highly unsuitable content.

You should make sure that chat functions are disabled as you do not know who may be communicating with your child.

You should also ensure you know which rooms your child is accessing, as there are large numbers of rooms with unsuitable content. The term 'depression room' is used to describe a game on Roblox that uses sad themes to portray depression or suicide. Inside these 'rooms', players can act out depressive behaviours such as crying beside gravestones. Some games even allow players to simulate suicide or perform self-harm.

Concerns

As always, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team if you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing.

- Mrs Stefanini