



Safeguarding Update June 2017

A reminder that should you have a concern you must complete the 'Safeguarding Concern Form' on MIS.

Click [here](#) to access it.



Keeping our children and young people safe

If you are interested in attending a Safeguarding related course, the LSCB run a number of training events. Information can be found [here](#).

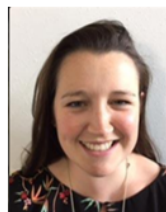
A reminder that should you know who the safeguarding officers are and what to do if you receive a disclosure. Click [here](#) for guidance.



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Peer-to-peer abuse

There has been a recent drive to increase awareness on peer-to-peer abuse. It is important that we are all aware of the current policy on this. Please [click](#) here to access it.

“All staff should be aware that safeguarding issues can manifest themselves via peer on peer abuse. This is most likely to include, but may not be limited to, bullying (including cyberbullying), gender based violence/sexual assaults and sexting. Staff should be clear as to the school or college's policy and procedures with regards to peer on peer abuse.”

Keeping Children Safe in Education (2016)

Win a bottle of wine... by e-mailing me the answer of this simple question by 4.00pm on the 30th June. All you have to do is read the bit-sized chunk part of the Child Protection Policy ([here](#)) for the answer.

What percentage of child sexual abuse is committed by someone under the age of 18?



Alcohol Awareness

“[Alcohol related] Hospital admissions for young people under 18 in the 3-year period 2011-14 were 13,725. There were more admissions for girls than boys.”

“62% of 11 – 15 year-olds have never drunk alcohol (up from 40% in 2000). The proportion of pupils who have had an alcoholic drink increases from 8% of 11 year-olds to 69% of 15 year-olds.”

Source: <http://alcoholeducationtrust.org/teacher-area/facts-figures/>

Greater awareness and education may well be having an impact on young people. What we do is so important. **Click here** for useful resources to share with our girls.

Alcohol and You:

Facts about alcohol, staying safe and what to do if things go wrong

[Click on the orange textbox for an excellent leaflet aimed at young people.](#)

Chief Medical Officer

Recent guidance issued by the Chief Medical Officer is that :

“children and their parents are advised that an alcohol-free childhood is the healthiest and best option. However, if children drink alcohol underage, it should not be until at least the age of 15 years.”

Click [here](#) for the Drink Aware Programme’s information

Under 5? It is illegal to give alcohol to under 5s.

Under 16? It is at the landlord’s discretion whether children are allowed anywhere in a pub. You cannot of course, buy or drink alcohol on the premises.

Under 18? If you are under 18, it is illegal to buy alcohol (this includes in any shop or supermarket, off licenses, bars, clubs or restaurants and buying on line). It is illegal to buy alcohol for someone under 18 in a licensed premises, the only exception is for 16 or 17 year-olds who are allowed to drink beer, wine or cider with food if with an adult (but you may not buy the alcohol yourself).



United Learning Hub

Fiona Lyons is the Lead Safeguarding Officer for the Group.

The Hub has a range of publications as well as links to statutory guidance and useful websites.

[Click here to access the safeguarding page.](#)

To log into the Hub, you will need to click on Surbiton High in the drop down menu and then use your School username and password.