

# Chipstead Valley Primary School Safeguarding Newsletter- Summer 1



## OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Speak to a member of our safeguarding team if you are worried about a child.

Our safeguarding team liaise with children's social care and other external agencies to support families.

Staff can contact children's social care directly in an emergency where no member of the safeguarding team can be contacted.

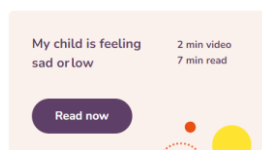
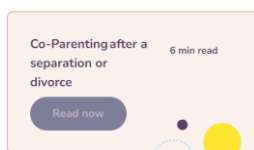
Our safeguarding team are here to listen, help and support your family.



Children's Mental Health charity "Place2Be" have a fantastic free online resource, Parenting Smart. It provides parenting advice from their child mental health experts as well as practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour.

The website contains a variety of difficult topics, with easy practical suggestions to help with the issue. From issues such as your child having friendship issues to discussing race and discrimination in a child-friendly way.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



### Keeping Safe Week

As part of our Wellbeing curriculum, the children at CVPS enjoyed a visit from our local Coulsdon Town police officers. The officers led a whole school assembly where they spoke about their job, equipment and how they help our community. The children were keen to ask lots of questions and wanted to find out all about the equipment that they carry on them! Afterwards, Year 5 and 6 children took part in workshops from the officers around peer pressure and online safety.

In the afternoon, the whole school were able to go out to the field and visit the officers and their police car. They were able to ask questions about the car whilst also listening to the siren and lights flashing. The children asked some fantastic questions and were fascinated by the car, especially how fast it could go!

Teaching the children how we keep ourselves and others safe is crucial from a young age and we are so pleased that the visit was a success.



### Safety Recall Notices

These are issued when manufacturers are made aware of faults or issues with their products which may have an impact on the safety of persons using it. In most cases people who have these products can find information and advice how to return, replace or repair the products. This area is provided with the assistance of the Croydon Trading Standards Team and is not meant to be exhaustive, but contains relevant and recent articles which have come to their notice.

Croydon's safeguarding children partnership website also contains a list of any recalled child related items: <https://croydonlcsb.org.uk/parents-carers/safety-recall-notice/>

### Child-to-Parent Abuse (PEGS)

Child to Parent Abuse is complex and misunderstood. The parent support charity, Parent Educational Growth Support (PEGS), says this is partly because it has historically been largely ignored in favour of a focus on intimate partner abuse, partly because it is drastically under-reported, and partly because there are lots of misconceptions around the subject.

Some parents may not recognise what is happening to them as abuse – but the behaviours they are experiencing are abuse, and they are not okay.

Child-to-Parent abuse can take many forms including, physical abuse, emotional and psychological abuse, financial abuse and sexual abuse. This can also extend to the rest of the household, including siblings and pets. Their behaviour makes the parent feel fearful, scared or forces them to change the way they parent because they are scared of another incident.

Find out more information on the PEGS' website here:  
<https://www.pegssupport.co.uk/recognise-and-respond-to-cpa>

### Equality and Diversity

This term, children across the school learnt about Ramadan and Eid. Some of the children, from our Muslim communities, were taking part in this year's fasting and some were able to share their experiences with their class, what it meant to them and why they were fasting. We hope that all our families, that celebrate, had an enjoyable Eid!



We are excited to announce the launch of our Equalities page on our school website. On this page, you will find our PACE academy trust statement, on Equality and Diversity and have access to our full policy. Please visit this page frequently for updates on our personal school vision and what we hope to achieve here at Chipstead Valley Primary school, in the years to come. This page will also highlight outstanding pieces of work and videos, which will be regularly updated throughout the year.

<https://www.chipsteadvalley.com/about/equalities/>

### Purley Food Hub

Purley Food Hub have continued to support families in our local community throughout lockdown, providing weekly food deliveries.

If you are in need of this service, please contact Miss Harding in confidence.



# FJC

Care and support in Croydon for those experiencing domestic abuse

**You can make an appointment by contacting us on: 020 8688 0100**

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm and weekends, 10am-4pm.

**CROYDON**  
[www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

### What to do if you are worried about a child's safety

If you are worried that a child or young person is at risk of abuse or neglect, please contact children's services straight away. You should report your concerns even if the person you suspect of abusing or neglecting a child is your partner, a member of your family or someone you know well. Contact Croydon Children's Services on 0208 726 6400 (24 hours)

If you think a child is at risk of immediate harm, please contact the Police by dialling 999.

There are different types of abuse and neglect and a child may experience more than one type. These are:

- Emotional abuse: when parents or carers fail to show their children sufficient love and attention, or when they threaten, taunt or belittle them
- Physical abuse: when parents, carers or other adults deliberately injure a child, or do not protect the child from injury
- Sexual abuse: when an adult, young person or older child involves a child in sexual activity to which the child cannot consent because of his or her age or understanding
- Persistent or severe neglect: when parents or carers fail to meet a child's essential needs, or when children are left without proper supervision, leaving them unsafe or unprotected.



### Turning Point

Providing a variety of choices for service users, Turning Point's adult substance misuse services support people aged eighteen and over into recovery by tackling both treatment needs and wider social reintegration issues including housing, employment and education. Services are open to substance misusers and their families and carers for whom the service will facilitate support groups and provide training. They provide support with rapid prescribing service, counselling, complementary therapies, relapse prevention groups and family/friends counselling.

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