



Spring Lane Safeguarding Bulletin

March 2023

Child Exploitation

Saturday 18th March is National Child Awareness Exploitation Day.

Children can be exploited in a number of different ways. This month's bulletin will focus on a particular area in which our young people look at two of the ways in which our young people can be exploited.

CSE is a form of child sexual abuse and occurs when an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to **coerce, manipulate or deceive a child into sexual activity**. This sexual activity may be in exchange for something the child needs or wants, and / or for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator, and / or through violence.



Signs That A Child Could Be Being Groomed:

- ◇ Unhealthy or inappropriate sexual behaviour.
- ◇ Spending more time online or on devices.
- ◇ Having mood swings and changes and changes in temperament.
- ◇ Being secretive about who they are talking to and where they are going.
- ◇ Significant changes in emotional well-being.
- ◇ Gifts they can't afford, such as clothes and jewellery.

What do we do as a school:

- ◇ PSHE and experiences perform a crucial role in educating our young people around CSE.
- ◇ We create an atmosphere where students feel safe and cared for.
- ◇ Where there are concerns— we make sure we report.

Upcoming Events

07.03.23— Safeguarding training for all colleagues on low level concerns and how to deal with disclosures about adults.

18.03.23—National Child Awareness Exploitation Day.

Key Vocabulary -

CSE— an individual or group taking advantage of an imbalance of power to *coerce, Manipulate or deceive a child into sexual activity*

Upskill Yourself with further reading

[Signs of Child Sexual Exploitation \(CSE\) - BHSCP](#)
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Question— Where can the schools low level concern form be found?
(answer at the bottom of page2)



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Low Level Concerns

A low level concern means the concern around a member of staff do not meet the harms threshold and this person does not pose an immediate risk towards the student. The adult

in question may have acted in a way that is inconsistent with the staff code of conduct. It also creates an opportunity to look at patterns of behaviour and will inform the schools CPD safeguarding calendar.

At the start of the year, we said we were going to be open and honest in our self reflection as a vehicle for us all to make progress. There is an option to self-refer if you feel you have made a mistake. This is about us getting better, not laying blame.

All logs go to the Headteacher and are kept in a secure online file.

Online safety

We will look to explore a different app each month and find out how we can keep young people safe online.

House Party



What is it? This is a virtual version of a get-together where up to eight 'friends' meet to chat or play games.

Age limit: 12– plus years

What are the risks? There's a risk that children will be talking to people they don't know. As with all live apps, there's nothing to stop users from engaging in bullying, using objectionable language, sharing graphic content, or grooming children. It is very easy to get young people to be added through other platforms to begin messaging.

How can young people be kept safe?

Switch settings to Private mode and turn on the lock function to chat undisturbed with known contacts. Students can block users who they don't know.

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Answer– On the desktop of all school computers and laptops. Simply click desktop.



on the low level concern icon on your