

Safeguarding Briefing

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Dear Colleague,

Welcome back. I hope you had a pleasant break over half-term.

In-person London course for DSLs - Friday 8th March 2024

For many people the online opportunities for CPD have been useful and I have had some lovely feedback from lots of you. One thing I've learned from developing online CPD content is that I can use many different approaches to make the session engaging. However, there's just something distinctive about being in the same room with a group of colleagues to chat to and work with.

If you want to meet up with other DSLs, you can join us on Friday 8th March at a lovely venue near to Tower Bridge. We have just a few spaces left.

For further information, go to:

<https://cpd.safeguardingschools.co.uk/events/safeguarding>

Who's on your coach?

Years ago, as a student teacher helping out on a trip, I managed to collect children up from another school and put them on our coach. Since then I've learnt to be very careful to bring back the same children that I left with.

For one school recently their school excursion to France ended with them finding two stowaways in the luggage compartment of their coach. It seems that the men had managed to get inside the vehicles hold prior to the school's return trip from Boulogne through the Eurotunnel from Calais.

How to Defend Your Organisation from Phishing - National Cyber Security Centre

On the briefing we often discuss the growing sophistication of criminals who utilise the internet to execute their criminal endeavours. Disruptive technologies in the e-space have often driven the opening of new vulnerability windows, and new ways to combat them. However, it is the oldest of internet-enabled criminal enterprises that is among the greatest dangers to institutional security online. Phishing as a concept dates back to 1995, and refers to confidence scams aimed at deceiving people into revealing sensitive information. Typically this is done, through sending scam emails containing links to malicious websites. Like all cyber based threats, phishing has changed over the past few decades and the National Cyber Security Centre is endeavouring to help you understand the methodology better. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/phishing>

Bereavement and Pupils with SEND - London Grid for Learning

The death of a loved one is difficult for every pupil. Whether the deceased was somebody close to the pupil in question, or only an acquaintance its occurrence can often be the first encounter with death. For children and young people at the start of their lives, bereavement can bring up questions they've never had to deal with. This can have a profound effect on their educational and personal lives. This can be particularly hard for pupils with SEND, and their particular requirements will often need a different approach. To find out more about how to approach this issue, the London Grid for Learning (LGfL) has published a package of resources. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://sendbereavement.lgfl.org.uk/default.html>

Staff Question of the Week

A straightforward question this week intended as a discussion starter. With a colleague, describe five contextual safeguarding issues that could affect young people in your local area. From a pupil's perspective, how could you find out if your five risks are the same as theirs.

Teach CPR in your school with Classroom RevivR - British Heart Foundation

Eight out of ten cardiac arrests in the UK happen in the home. That's why it's so crucial young people know what to do. Classroom RevivR teaches the next generation a lifesaving skill in a fun and interactive way..

Classroom RevivR from the British Heart Foundation is a free, interactive and easy-to-use tool that teaches young people CPR and defibrillation, straight from their digital device. To use the tool, fill in the online form at the link below. Eligible school will then be able to access the teachers' online portal to download a a lesson plan and pupil resources.

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/cpr-training-in-schools>

Did Someone Forward this Safeguarding Briefing to You?

If you would like to receive your own copy of the Safeguarding Briefing, simply go to: www.safeguardingbriefing.co.uk

Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention Training - Harmless

It is a sad truism that human responses to emotional triggers can sometimes produce undesirable outcomes. Chief of these are suicide and self-harm. Existing on the far end of a human response spectrum, they are the outcomes we all wish to avoid among emotionally affected persons. Unfortunately children and young people, especially in secondary education are highly vulnerable to these issues. As an educational professional, being confronted with self-harm or the potential of suicide among pupils can be a difficult prospect. The Harmless Organisation, is dedicated to providing training in these matters, to better prepare professionals for these occurrences. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://harmless.org.uk/training/>

Forthcoming Courses

Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs

This is a four-session course for DSLs over a full-day. The course is offered live and as a recorded replay. When the course is live, there are plenty of opportunities to contribute with observations, questions or

answers. As a recording, the interactions from other people are included and feedback notes that this makes it feel like you are not on your own.

"I just wanted to say that I thought today's training was absolutely fantastic. By a mile it was the most engaging training I have done."

Next live online courses are:

Wednesday, 13th March 2024 [Book here](#)

Wednesday 17th April 2024 [Book here](#)

The on-demand course is always available and is updated after each live session [Book Online](#)

LIVE In-Person Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs with Andrew Hall Friday 8th March 2024 (LONDON)

You can book a place on this live in-person course by going to: <https://cpd.safeguardingschools.co.uk/events/safeguarding>

Other available online courses include:

Whole School Safeguarding Course
Safeguarding and Governance
Safeguarding Refresher
An Introduction to Cybersecurity

For further details, go to:

www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/availablecourses

Until next time, keep safe,

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