



THE WILLOWS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Safeguarding Newsletter

This newsletter is also available on our website - Willows Primary School
Autumn Term 2022

If you have any concerns about a child in our school please do not hesitate to contact one of the school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders. Our Safeguarding Team are:

[Mrs Wilson Designated Safeguarding Lead](#)

[Mr Robinson Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead](#)

[Mr Aston Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead](#)

If you are concerned that a child or young person is being harmed, neglected or is at risk you should contact Essex Social Care (Children and Families Hub) on **0345 603 7627**. Out of hours: (5.30pm - 9.00am Monday - Thursday, 4.30pm-9.00am - Friday and Bank holidays) Telephone: 0345 606 1212 or [email](#). In an **emergency** call the Police on 999.

Domestic abuse

All children witnessing domestic violence are experiencing emotional abuse. If you're worried about your child, there is help available. To make a disclosure of domestic violence either for yourself or someone else contact [How to report domestic abuse | Essex Police](#) 101 extension 180340. Or Essex Police's domestic abuse non-emergency number 0800 358 0351

Online Safety

We know that social media services are popular with young people of all ages. Parents have an important role in helping prepare their children to go online before they start to use social media platforms. Together you can look at the key things they need to know about staying safe online, critical thinking, and the safety settings that are available to them.

WhatsApp have announced a change to their terms and conditions for users based in Europe. Users will now need to be 16 to use WhatsApp. Nearly all other social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services. This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype.

Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account (enabling them to subscribe to other channels, like videos, post comments, share their own content and flag inappropriate content).

Please see the Online Safety posters below. Follow the links below for more information:

[NOS FIF23 Guide \(willows.essex.sch.uk\)](#)

[NOS Social Media Mental Health Guide \(willows.essex.sch.uk\)](#)

[WUW 101 Instagram Guide \(willows.essex.sch.uk\)](#)

[NOS TikTok Guide \(willows.essex.sch.uk\)](#)

[NOS WhatsApp Guide \(willows.essex.sch.uk\)](#)

[WUW 112 COD MW2 BG FIN copy \(willows.essex.sch.uk\)](#)

[WUW 064 YouTube Guide \(willows.essex.sch.uk\)](#)

[NOS Anti-Bullying Week Guide \(willows.essex.sch.uk\)](#)

[NOS HIPAL Guide \(willows.essex.sch.uk\)](#)

Useful Telephone Numbers

Citizens Advice Bureau -
Basildon 03444770808

National helplines:

- [National Domestic Violence Helpline](#) 0808 2000 247
- [National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline](#) 0800 999 5428
- [Respect](#) 0808 802 4040
- [Men's Advice Line](#) 0808 801 0327
- [Shelter](#) 0800 800 4444
- [NSPCC Helpline](#) 0808 800 5000
- [ChildLine](#) 0800 1111
- [Samaritans](#) 116 123
- [PACE Parents Against Child Exploitation \(Pace\) uk \(paceuk.info\)](#) 0113 240 3040

For families who need additional support or early help the [Directory of services](#) contains information about national and local groups.

