

# SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

## Autumn half-term two 2023/24

Welcome to the second safeguarding newsletter of the year. This is a packed edition, with lots of signposting from various services which may be useful in this busy run up to Christmas.

This half-term, we have already celebrated Anti-Bullying Week, World Kindness Day, and Interfaith week, with lots more to come, such as talks from the Amy Winehouse Foundation.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require additional support.

Kind regards,

Ms Jones and the Keep Kids Safe team.

## KEY NUMBERS

Anyone can contact the services below directly, regardless of whether you are a child, parent, carer or a member of staff. If you have a safeguarding concern, please ensure you pass it on: safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

<p><b>01925 443322</b> (Option one, followed by option one)</p> <p><b>Warrington Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)</b></p> <p>For urgent safeguarding concerns about a child</p>	<p><b>01925 443322</b> (Option two)</p> <p><b>Out of Office Emergency Duty Team</b></p> <p>For urgent safeguarding concerns about a child outside of office hours</p>	<p><b>0808 800 5000</b></p> <p><b>NSPCC</b></p> <p>For adults who are worried about a child</p>
<p><b>0800 1111</b></p> <p><b>Childline</b></p> <p>For children who are worried about their own safety or need some advice</p>	<p><b>101</b></p> <p><b>Police Non-Emergency</b></p> <p>For reporting any crimes or concerns</p>	<p><b>999</b></p> <p><b>Emergency Services</b></p> <p>For anyone in immediate danger (including if you are worried about the immediate risk to a child)</p>

## Early Help Advice Sessions

The drop-in sessions with a Whole Family Practitioner from Early Help have been hugely successful, and the families who have attended so far have been able to access the most appropriate support service following the appointments. The next drop-in is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January, and appointments are available in school between 9.30am-12.30pm. Full details about these sessions are included in the previous newsletter, which is still available on the safeguarding section of the school website.

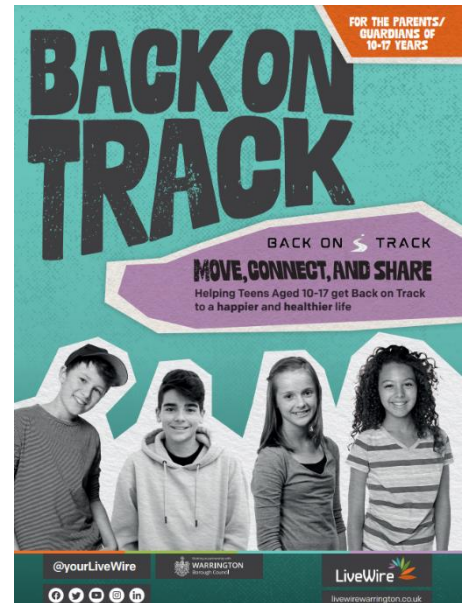
If you would like to book an appointment with our Early Help representative, please contact Ms Jones on [kjones@padgateacademy.co.uk](mailto:kjones@padgateacademy.co.uk).

## Back on Track

Back on Track is a new initiative which has been launched by Early Help, aimed at teenagers who may be experiencing difficulties with peer pressure, anti-social behaviour, anger, or other emotional/social issues.

It includes a one-to-one mentoring scheme, as well as group sports sessions, such as boxing. Drop-in sessions are held every Wednesday between 4.30pm-5.30pm at Orford Jubilee Neighbourhood Hub Library, which are open to anyone aged 10-17 who wants to get their lives back on track.

Full details are included at the end of this newsletter, and for more information, parents/carers can email [pflannery@livewirewarrington.org](mailto:pflannery@livewirewarrington.org).



## Holiday Activities & Food Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is a scheme available to children who are eligible for free school meals, which gives them the opportunity to take part in fun, enriching activities and receive a healthy meal. The programme is running over the Christmas school holidays. To view the Christmas holiday programme, please view the following link: [Christmas 2023 HAF](#)



## Food Bank

If you require a food parcel before we break up for the holidays, please contact Ms McKittrick via email, at [smckittrick@padgateacademy.co.uk](mailto:smckittrick@padgateacademy.co.uk)

## Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse is a difficult issue to talk about, however it is important that awareness is raised so that people who are experiencing it feel that they can access support.

Some statistics regarding domestic abuse include:

- 1 in 5 adults experience domestic abuse during their lifetime. This equates to 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6-7 men.
- Last year, 2.4 million adults were victims (1.7 million women and 699,000 men).
- Women are more likely to be victims of high risk or severe domestic abuse, but men are also at risk of serious assault and death from their partners.
- 20%, or 1 in 5 children have lived with an adult perpetrating domestic abuse.
- 1 in 5 teenage girls have experienced domestic abuse in their dating relationship.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 defines domestic abuse as behaviour of a person

- (“A”) towards another person (“B”) if —
- (a) A and B are each aged 16 or over and are personally connected to each other, and
- (b) the behaviour is abusive.
- Behaviour is “abusive” if it consists of any of the following—
- (a) physical or sexual abuse;
- (b) violent or threatening behaviour;
- (c) controlling or coercive behaviour;
- (d) economic abuse;
- (e) psychological, emotional or other abuse;
- It does not matter whether the behaviour consists of a single incident or a course of conduct.
- Children aged under 18 who see, hear or experience the effects of domestic abuse and are related to victim or perpetrator are classed as victims.

To view the support that is available through Warrington Borough Council, please visit the following website: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/domesticabuse>.

If you are experiencing domestic abuse, or are worried about someone else who may be, you can contact the Warrington Domestic Abuse Hub for help and support on 01925 243359.

There is also a freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline available on 0808 2000 247. You can also visit <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/> for more information. **If it is an emergency, phone 999.**

## Child to Parent Abuse

There is a new service launching in Warrington on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, which aims to provide support where there is child to parent abuse present. The service will work with the whole family, and complete direct work with the child and parents/carers (individually and together). More details will be announced soon, however, if you would like to consider a referral to this service, please contact Ms Jones via email at [kjones@padgateacademy.co.uk](mailto:kjones@padgateacademy.co.uk)

We hope you have found this newsletter useful. For further safeguarding information, please visit the school website: <https://padgateacademy.co.uk/safeguarding>



# INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR BACK ON TRACK PROGRAMME?

**Drop in sessions**

**Wednesdays 4.30-5.30pm**

**Orford Jubilee Neighbourhood  
Hub Library**

Back on track is a one to one mentoring project for ages 10-17.

It is designed to give people the opportunity to get their lives back on the right lines.

**PERSONAL  
MENTORING**

**GROUP  
SPORTS FUN**



## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Visit one of our drop in sessions (details above) or send an email to:  
[pflannery@livewirewarrington.org](mailto:pflannery@livewirewarrington.org)

@yourLiveWire



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[livewirewarrington.co.uk](http://livewirewarrington.co.uk)



# Finding support for your mental health



Mersey Care  
NHS Foundation Trust



Bespoke support for LGBT+ young people and their adults  
[theproudtrust.org](http://theproudtrust.org)



Online mental wellbeing community for free, safe, anonymous support  
[kooth.com](http://kooth.com)



here for you 24/7  
[giveusashout.org](http://giveusashout.org)



Whatever you're going through 24 hours a day, 365 days a year  
[samaritans.org](http://samaritans.org) | 116 123



Online, on the phone, anytime  
[childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk) | 0800 1111



Essential support for under 25s  
Free information and support for under 25s in the UK  
[themix.org.uk](http://themix.org.uk)



Giving hope to grieving children  
Helping young people navigate grief  
[winstonswish.org](http://winstonswish.org)



Helping you focus on staying safe from suicide  
[papyrus-uk.org/](http://papyrus-uk.org)  
[papyrus-hopeline247](http://papyrus-hopeline247)



Discrete emotional wellbeing drop-in service for young people aged 7-19 (25 if additional needs)  
[warringtonyouthzone.org/youth-in-mind](http://warringtonyouthzone.org/youth-in-mind)



Teenager and Gender Sexuality Youth Support group  
[warrington.gov.uk/youth-service](http://warrington.gov.uk/youth-service)



Youth group for young people aged 13-18 who self-identify as Black, Asian or other ethnic minority  
[warrington.gov.uk/youth-service](http://warrington.gov.uk/youth-service)



A referral can be made to Warrington CYPMHS or schools can have a consultation with the Mental Health Support Team.



Do you need urgent help with your mental health?  
Call our 24/7 mental health crisis line FREE

0800 051 3253 if you live in Wigan  
0800 051 1508 if you live in Halton, Knowsley, St Helens and Warrington