



# CRESWELL JUNIOR SCHOOL

## SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

Summer 2017

### Welcome to the June safeguarding newsletter

As you are probably acutely aware by now, there have been several attacks in the UK, from religious extremists. When such senseless, devastating events make headlines, it is natural for children to hear about it and ask questions. We would all like our children to remain blissfully unaware of terrorism, but that is not a real expectation. Children are very intuitive and perceptive. While we may wish we did not have to talk about terrorist acts with our innocent children, it may be a necessity. Due to the world, we live in and the nonstop news cycle, we, as parents and educators, must develop the tools to discuss the topic with our children.

Whilst discussing events can ensure children are given factual information, for some, it can raise awareness of something they may not know anything about.

Wherever they happen, events may create feelings of personal anxiety and fear that children can find hard to articulate: giving them a context to discuss, question and express their thoughts and feelings will help them to process what has happened. At present, we have not actively led discussions in classes. However, we are very aware that when questions arise it is our role to answer them factually. Staff have been provided with guidance from the proper authorities, in order to do this. We felt it was important to observe the minute silence for both the Manchester and London attacks, as a mark of respect.

As parents you may choose to discuss (if you haven't already done so) the events further. If so, we have included the following links for your guidance and support.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-40011787>

<https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/sites/default/files/Discussing%20a%20terrorist%20attack%20with%20primary%20children.pdf>

<http://educateagainsthate.com/parents/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-extremism/>

As always, we have a very strong team of people that are in school. If you have any concerns about a child, then please do not hesitate to contact one of our safeguarding team listed below:

Mrs. K. Adamski – Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs. A. Wilson – Designated Safeguarding Deputy  
Mr. A. Burton - Online Safety  
Mr. O. Jones - Head of Pastoral Care  
Ms. C. Goucher - Safeguarding and Anti-bullying Governor



The Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Head of Pastoral Care and Safeguarding Officer have attended the Derbyshire County Council Safeguarding update course and we are happy that as a school, we are fulfilling our statutory duty of care for all our children, and we are up to date with what we need to keep our children safe and happy.



## Where to turn...

If you have concerns regarding **housing, benefits, debt**, or **work** the Citizen's Advice can help.

### Local points of contact:

#### Creswell Medical Centre

Welbeck Street

01909 721206 09:00am, 10:00am or

11:00am **every Tuesday, by appointment only**

#### Bassetlaw Citizen's Advice

03444 111 444

Monday to Friday