

# Safeguarding Newsletter

## Spring 2025



### WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Designated Safeguarding Officers (DSOs).

If a child is in **immediate danger**, call the **POLICE on 999**

The Safeguarding Team oversee and co-ordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe.

They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.

### Safeguarding Team:



Mrs. Linley (DSL)



Mrs. Dykes (DSO)



Mr. Linford (DSO)



Mrs. M. Hussain  
Attendance Officer

All can be contacted via the office or by telephone on:

### Dear Parents and Carers,



BE **READY**



BE **RESPECTFUL**



BE **SAFE**

Our school expectations as stated above are what we pride ourselves on here at St. Mark's. We expect every child to:

- be ready to learn and fulfil their potential
- be respectful to everyone they encounter
- be safe – in school and out of school

This term, the children participated in the 'Speak out and Stay safe' NSPCC day in February.



The Speak out and Stay safe programme helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including our Childline service.

**Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Family**

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**BIRMINGHAM  
CHILDREN'S TRUST**

Alternatively, if you are concerned about a child out-of-school hours, you can call Birmingham Children's Trust using the contact details below:

***Monday to Thursday:*** 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

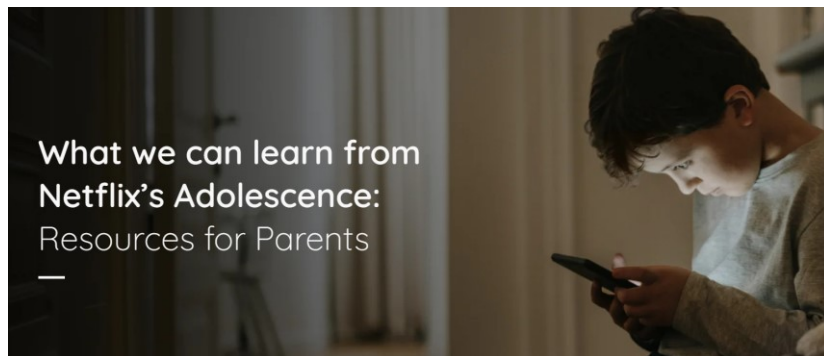
***Friday:*** 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

***Telephone:*** 0121 303 1888

***Emergency out-of-hours***

***Telephone:*** 0121 675 4806

The Netflix series Adolescence is igniting important conversations on young people's experience of the digital world and its impact on their mental health and wellbeing.



As a parent, you may be wondering how to navigate these complex topics and trends.

On this page you'll find information and advice on the key issues raised in the show.

<https://smoothwall.com/adolescence>

**NSPCC provide online safety advice**

**NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE?**

**Call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)**

**Creating safer spaces online for children**

**Compass  
Birmingham**  
Mental Health Support Teams

Compass is a non-profit charity which works with children from the age of 5 years old, providing early support with mental health and emotional well-being through 1:1 support or small group work.

For more information about the service Compass Birmingham provides, you can visit the website by following this link:

<https://compass-uk.org/services/compass-birmingham-mhst/>  
or you can speak to Miss Stewart.



#### **POLITE REMINDER**

Please do not send your child to school with hooped earrings, necklaces or rings. Parents of children arriving to school with jewellery of this kind will be contacted by class teachers. We appreciate your co-operation; this is to support your child's and

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