



# Keeping our children safe!



As we come to the end of a busy and exciting term, we would like to share some important safeguarding information to help keep our children safe over the festive period. Christmas is a wonderful time for families, but it can also bring additional challenges. Our role is to ensure every child feels safe, supported, and listened to—both in school and at home.



We are delighted to welcome Miss Brassinne to our safeguarding team. Miss Brassinne joins us as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead alongside her role as EYFS Lead. As safeguarding leads we work closely to ensure that every child in our school community continues to thrive. Please feel free to say hello or contact any of the safeguarding team if you ever have concerns about your child's welfare.



## Safeguarding Team



Mrs Molloy



Mrs Worsfold



Mrs Ryan



Miss Brassinne

# Holiday Support for Families



**For some families, Christmas can be a difficult time. Support is available:**



Local Food Banks: Dunstable Foodbank

<https://dunstable.foodbank.org.uk/>



<https://cbc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/synergyfis/>

## entitledto

independent | accurate | reliable

<https://www.entitledto.co.uk/>

**NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000**

**Childline: 0800 1111**

Please do not hesitate to reach out—no concern is too small.



A graphic at the top of the page features two spotlights on the left and right, casting yellow beams of light towards the center. The text 'Spotlight on: Increased risk of Domestic Abuse at Christmas' is written in a stylized, bubbly font with a yellow-to-orange gradient and a dark outline, positioned within the beams of light.

## **Spotlight on: Increased risk of Domestic Abuse at Christmas**

While Christmas is a joyful time for many families, it can also bring additional pressure for others. Research shows that incidents of domestic abuse often increase during the festive season. Factors such as financial strain, changes to routine, increased alcohol use, and heightened family stress can all contribute to a greater risk within some households.

### **What We Want Our Families to Know**

At our school, we understand the importance of raising awareness so that children and adults know help is available. If a child is living in a home where there is conflict, tension, or harm, it can have a lasting impact on their wellbeing. Children may not always speak out, but changes in mood, behaviour, or attendance can be signs that something is wrong.

### **How We Support Children**

Our safeguarding team is trained to recognise these signs and provide support where needed. If you are worried about a child—your own or someone else’s—please contact the school’s safeguarding team. Your concern will always be listened to and handled sensitively.

### **Help and Support Over the Holidays**

If you or someone you know needs support over the Christmas break, you are not alone.

These organisations offer confidential help:

- National Domestic Abuse Helpline (24/7): 0808 2000 247
- Men’s Advice Line: 0808 801 0327
- Women’s Aid Live Chat (daily)
- Refuge (support for women and children)
- Childline: 0800 1111 – for children who need to talk
- In an emergency, call 999

### **A Reminder**

As a school community, we have a shared responsibility to keep children safe. Christmas should be a time of warmth, connection, and security. If something doesn’t feel right, please reach out.

# Domestic Abuse Support

Helplines and Website links:

## BEDFORDSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP

- 24 Hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline for Women 0808 2000 247
- Men's Advice Line 0808 8010 327 or ManKind Initiative 01823 334244
- LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 999 5428
- If you are concerned about someone's safety, phone the police on 999
- If you cannot speak, use the Silent Solution. Dial 999 from a mobile and press 55 when prompted by the operator.
- Women's Aid in Luton Tel - 01582 391856 (Mon-Fri 1000-1700)
- Offering refuge, outreach, drop-in, freedom programme.
- Women's Aid in Luton website
- Stepping Stones Tel - 01582 457114
- Stepping Stones website <https://steppingstonesluton.co.uk/>



# USEFUL WEBSITES AND LINKS

This is a useful website regarding social media, age restrictions and children's maturity levels: [Thinkuknow](#)

[Parent safe](#)

[NSPCC](#)

[Your Internet Matters](#)



## HELP, ADVICE AND RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

[Get Safe Online](#)



[Child Net](#)

[CEOP](#)

[Think you know](#)





## What do I do if.....

We are often asked what to do if someone suspects a child is at risk of harm.

If the child attends our setting then please come and speak with one of the safeguarding team where we can advise and signpost you accordingly.

If the child is not in our setting or speaking to us is not an option EG. School closed/ danger is imminent then follow the following pathways.

**If a child is in imminent danger call 999**

If the child is at risk of significant danger you can call (dependant on the Childs address):

Central Beds Integrated Front Door 0300 300 8585

Luton Mash 01582 547653

Bedford Borough Integrated Front Door 01234 718700

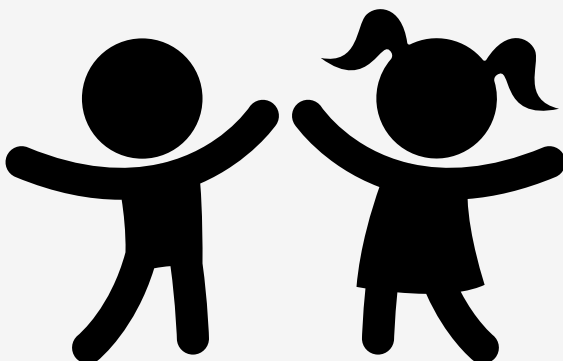
Emergency Duty Team 000 300 8123

Or follow the link below where you can report through the NSPCC

**Report child abuse**

Our voice Helpline is currently available 10am–4pm Monday to Friday. You can still email [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or complete our report abuse online form at any time for free. You don't have to say who you are.

Contact us



*Together we can  
keep children safe*

Contact:  
01582 865047  
[safeguarding@Tithefarmprimary.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@Tithefarmprimary.co.uk)

**Wishing you a safe and  
Happy Christmas!**

**from Tithe Farm Primary**

**Thank you for your continued support  
throughout the year. We wish all our  
children and families a joyful and  
restful Christmas break, and we look  
forward to welcoming everyone back  
in the new year.**

