



Be our best selves

COUGHTON

C of E Primary School

Issue 7

Key dates

Friday 6 th December	School pantomime Wear a Christmas jumper and bring in a bottle
Saturday 7 th December	Christmas Fair Eric Payne Centre Alcester 12-3pm
Wednesday 11 th December at 2.00pm	KS1 and Reception Nativity
Thursday 12 th December at 10.00am	KS1 and Reception Nativity
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Thursday 12 th December	Own clothes for KS2 children only.
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Christmas Disco (Years 3-6) Ticket Only
Friday 13 th December	KS1 and Reception Christmas party – children to wear party clothes
Wednesday 18 th December	KS2 Christmas Church Service at 9.30am
Wednesday 18 th December	KS2 Christmas Lunch day
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Present Room
Monday 23 rd December 2024 to Monday 6 th January 2025	School Holidays
Monday 6 th January	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 th January	School Re-opens for Spring Term



Dear Families,


It has been a very busy few weeks. It was great to welcome families to the Maple phonics information evening and the Oak SATs information meeting. It was also great to see so many families supporting our quiz night and wreath making workshops, coordinated by the PTA.

I look forward to seeing lots of you next weekend (7th December) at our Christmas Fair at The Eric Payne Centre, Alcester from 12-3pm.

All Christmas dates and activities were sent out in the last issue to refer back to. There is a summary page below.

Thank you for your donations of chocolate, jarbolas and play equipment. We are grateful for your continued support.

The majority of our communications is sent via our emailing system, however some larger messages are sent via Studybugs. It is advisable to also download this if you don't already have it.

 Studybugs
<https://studybugs.com>

Head of School
Mr Alex Kolb

New virtue: Generosity

**Coughton CE Primary
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Coughton Lane
Coughton
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Coughton CE Primary School

Christmas is fast approaching, and we are about to enter that crazy time at school with lots of things to remember. We know it can feel like chaos some days, but it is all about making amazing memories for the children during the festive season!

KEY DATES:

CHRISTMAS FAIR: is at the Eric Payne Centre in Alcester on Sat 7th Dec, 12-3pm. A poster with more info is again attached to this newsletter and there is also lots more info in the **PTA Christmas Info Letter** that was sent by the office on Monday.

To help the PTA maximise what they can raise for school we ask for your help with donations for the 3 tombola stalls.

- **Friday 22nd Nov:** Bring in chocolate or sweets and in return your child can come to school with silly hair (spiked, gelled, colour spray, funny style, etc..)
- **Friday 29th Nov:** Bring a 'jarbola' and in return your child can wear sports wear
- **Friday 6th Dec:** Bring in a bottle (wine, beer, soft drinks, etc....) and in return your child can wear a Christmas jumper.

We also have **RAFFLE TICKETS** and **COUGHTON CASH** for sale. Please refer to the PTA Christmas info letter which was sent out by the office on Monday for more information.

(Paper raffle tickets will be sent home in bags next week. Please return the completed stubs and cash to the office before Thurs 5th Dec. If you buy tickets online these will automatically go into the draw and you can just send the blank tickets back to school.)

PANTO: Friday 6th Dec – a travelling theatre company put on a Pantomime performance in the school hall! Our PTA kindly fund this experience for the children.

ST NICS NIGHT: School will be at St Nics Night in Alcester the evening of Fri 6th Dec. We will have a stand with all our favourite games and prizes! Pop along and say hi!

KEY STAGE 2 DISCO: There will be an evening Disco for Key Stage 2 children on **Thurs 12th December, 6:30-8pm**. More info is again in the PTA Christmas Info letter, tickets are £3 and available on the Sum Up store.

KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Reception, year1 and year 2 Christmas Party will take place on Fri 13th Dec. This will be in school time. There will be treats for every child, party games, a special visitor and a present! Children can come to school in party clothes.

Key Stage 2 classes will also receive a special visit and a present on this day too.

CHRISTMAS ROOM (ELFRIDGES!): Each child can choose 3 presents for their family to wrap and bring home. This will take place on **Thurs 18th Dec** during the school day.

To help cover the cost of the Christmas Room the PTA ask for a £5 contribution from each child, details for payment are again in the PTA Info Letter – it is listed as an item on the Sum Up.

...There is also the new **WREATH MAKING** event taking place on **Weds 27th Nov**. Tickets can be booked on the Sum Up store.

The link to the Sum Up web page will be sent round the class groups and on social media over the next few weeks along with lots of reminders before each event or activity.

Thank you for your ongoing support with all events and activities!



The 2024 Christmas Fair

kindly sponsored by
Ardencote Spa and Hotel



School Choir Performance

Mega prize raffle

Festive refreshments
(inc Turkey Rolls & Hot Dogs)

Mulled Wine

...and a Hot
Chocolate Station

American Candy stall



3 x Tombolas

Pocket money toys

Glitter tattoos

Games galore

External craft stalls
and festive shopping

Where: The Eric Payne Centre,
off St Faiths Rd, Alcester, B49 6AG

When: Saturday 7th December

Time: 12-3pm

<https://coughton-school-pta.sumupstore.com/>

Alcester Minster Christingle Services

Come and see the light of life this Christmas

**Holy Trinity
Church,
Arrow***

**Sunday 22nd
December
3pm**

**please dress for
outdoors.*

**St Peter's
Church,
Coughton**

**Tuesday 24th
December
5pm**



**Churches of the
Alcester Minster**

LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS
IN RURAL WARWICKSHIRE



Fri 6th Dec: Christmas Panto (in school)

Sat 7th Dec: Christmas Fair,

Eric Payne Centre, Alcester, 12–3pm

11th & 12th Dec: Nativity Performances

Thurs 12th Dec: KS2 Disco, 6:30–8pm

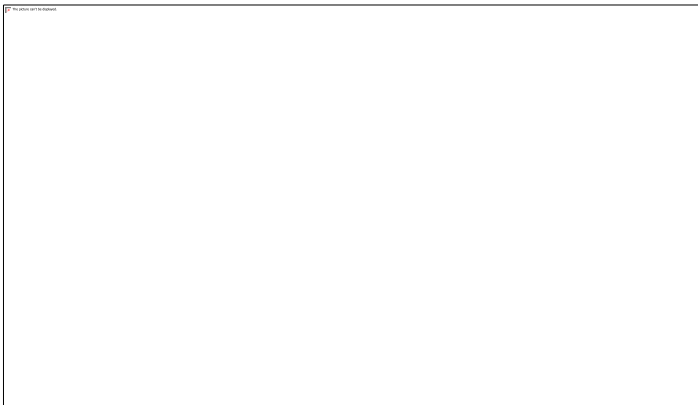
Fri 13th Dec: Reception & KS1 Christmas Party (in school, party clothes)

Weds 18th Dec: KS2 Christmas Church Service

Weds 18th Dec: Christmas Lunch

Thurs 19th Dec: Christmas Shopping Room

Fri 20th Dec: last day of term!



Reception
applications are
open for September!

All applications received by the deadline of 15 January will receive a school offer on 16 April next year, which is National Offer Day. Any applications submitted after the 15 January deadline will only be considered after this, meaning the child is much less likely to be offered a place at a preferred school. Applications can be made online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace, where you can also find useful information about priority school areas and admissions criteria.

Important updates for Parents and Carers

Uniform

A reminder to name all clothing brought to school so that it can be easily returned to its owner. We are reminding children and allowing time at the end of the day for them to collect all of their things.

The second hand uniform stall in the PTA shelter is selling items for £1 each or online via <https://coughton-school-pta.sumupstore.com/>

Holiday / Leave of Absence Requests

All holiday requests will be unauthorised unless the circumstances are deemed exceptional by the Head of School. Should you wish to request leave of absence for your child(ren) please collect a form from the office.

Term dates 2024/25 can be found here:

<https://www.coughtonschool.org/term-dates/>

INSET DAYS

24/25- School,Closed For Children

Monday 2nd September

Friday 25th October

Monday 6th January

Monday 2nd June

Monday 21st July

Wraparound

We have a digital wraparound booking system. For details and to book a place please follow the link:

<https://coughton.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/>

Breakfast club from 7.30am,
after school club until 6pm
(Fridays until 5.30pm).



Empower your parenting journey by joining insightful workshops and programmes

The Family and Relationship Support Team provide online guides, virtual and face to face workshops and programmes for parents and carers. Topics include sleep, behaviour, teenagers, nurture, boundaries and rules, and more.

Online sessions

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides>

Workshops

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-parenting-support-71623337213>

PARENTS

What do you do if you think your child is being bullied?

- ◆ First speak to your child's class teacher.
- ◆ The Head of School or Assistant Head will deal with the situation if it does not improve.

Useful helplines and websites:

www.bullying.co.uk
www.childline.org.uk
 Tel: 0800 11 11
 A free confidential helpline open 24 hours a day
www.parentlineplus.org.uk
 Tel: 0808 800 2222
 Advice and support for parents open 24 hours a day
www.kidscape.org.uk
 Tel: 0845 1 205 204
 Helpline for parents and carers of bullied children

BULLYING CAN ALSO HAPPEN ONLINE

Cyber Bullying

It is any form of bullying which takes place online, via smartphones, tablets, gaming chat forums and social media. If someone is being repeatedly harsh that is the definition of bullying. This can not only happen in person but online as well. Nobody should have to blame themselves or be treated badly.

4 simple steps to stop bullying:

Do not respond to any messages –most of the time, bullies are only after a reaction so don't let them have this from you.

Screenshot any messages that are harmful or hurtful.

Mute accounts so you can no longer see the users. You can hide messages or posts from users without them ever finding out? Using mute or similar features on social media still shows you following other users, but their updates do not appear in your feeds or timelines. Check the settings page on social media site to find out how to do this. If you accidentally muted someone, you can also 'unmute' them without them knowing either!

Tell someone – take the message that you have screenshotted, and show a trusted adult, so something can be done about the offending users.

If you are the person performing the bullying then you can visit ditchthebulb.org for help and information.

Parents does your child have a smartphone/tablet? Or are you thinking of getting them one? No matter which one you purchase the only important thing is that you keep them safe whilst they are using it.

Parental controls are really useful as they can protect your child from harmful content. It is well worth installing if you haven't parental controls. Make sure you think before you letting your child have certain accounts on apps.

These websites are full of valuable advice for parents to support in keeping children safe online.

www.facebook.com/stayingsafeonline
www.internetmatters.org.uk



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If someone shows kindness to you make sure to show it back

Always be yourself don't let anybody stop you from being that!

If somebody is not respecting you just ignore them and don't retaliate

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024

CHOOSE RESPECT



A CHILDS RIGHTS :

- 1.To have clean food and water
- 2.The right to be loved and to love
3. The right to not get hurt or exploited
4. To have a loving family
- 5.To have medication if necessary
- 6.The right to be themselves
- 7.The right to live in peace
- 8.The right to be one of the first to get protection
- 9.The right to go to school for free

All children must grow up with these rights no matter what race ,gender, religion or what class they attend. Always be a kind and positive person to other people, never be a mean person because then people will not want to be friends

Remember you need to:



Use your Network Hand!

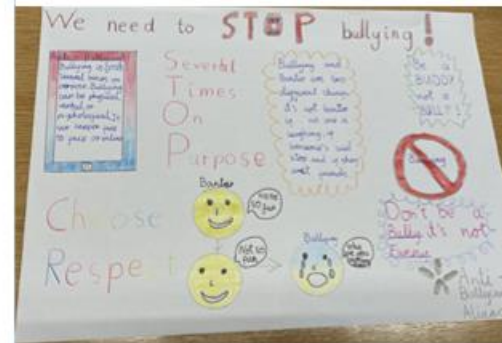
WHAT IS BULLYING?

A definition of bullying

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.



If you are getting bullied tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. You can call child line (0800 1111). Tell someone you trust right away!



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Made by Tabitha, Lara, Christina and Anoushka.

This **Anti-Bullying Week**
I will

**CHOOSE
RESPECT**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Monday 11th to Friday 15th November

#AntiBullyingWeek #ChooseRespect

**We stand against
bullying through
kindness and respect**

National Anti-Bullying Week 2024,
organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance,
takes place from 11 to 15 November.

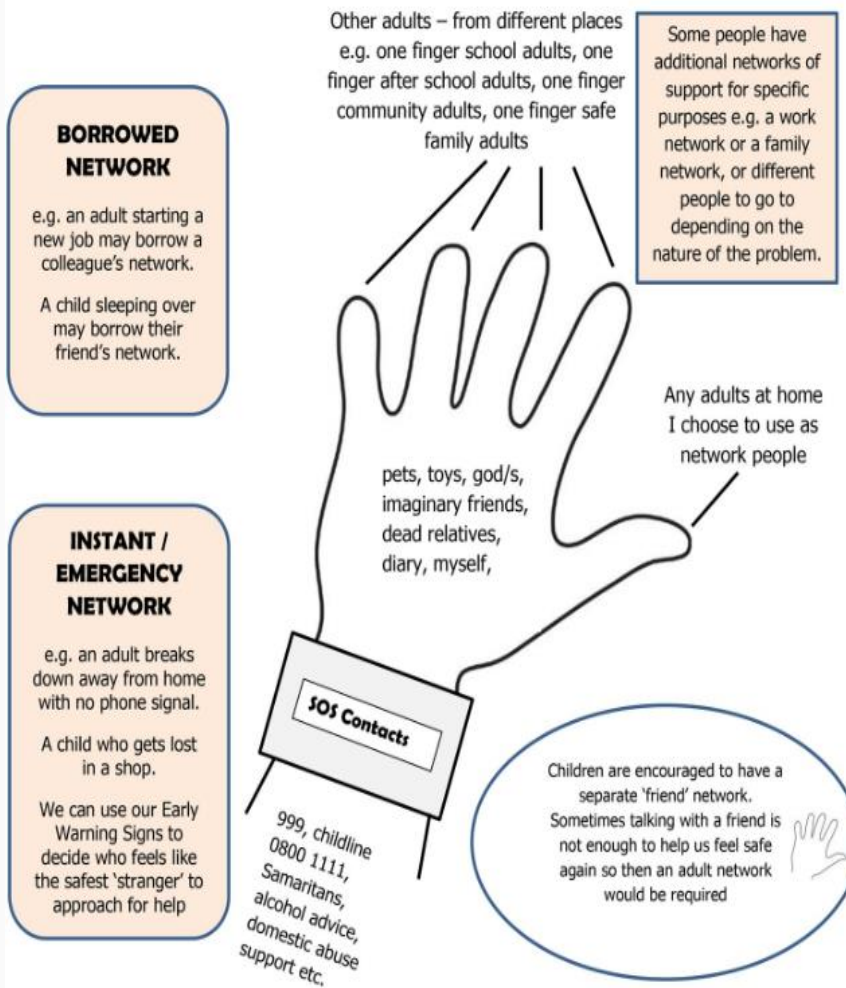
This year's theme, Choose Respect,
encourages everyone to stand together
against bullying.

We are supporting the week by promoting
respect and kindness, inspiring both
children and adults to lead by example,
both online and offline.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5719/warwickshire-county-council-stands-against-bullying-through-kindness-and-respect>

Personal Network

A suggested network may include 4 adults we have regular contact with in addition to any adults we may have at home and choose to use. Spaces can be seen as 'situations vacant' so we can be considering people we meet who may be able to be network people for us in the future.



Protective Behaviours

The children have been learning about their network hands, who they can talk to if they have a worry and safe/unsafe secrets.

Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children

Thursday 5th December 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People

Thursday 9th January 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People

Thursday 10th April 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Places on our sessions are subject to availability. To book your place please email risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Please note: the sessions are available for Warwickshire residents only.

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**Ambitious
about Autism**

School anxiety

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdkn3qt#z2d346f>

<https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/>



**Autism
Central**

Warwickshire's SEND Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIAS) have several drop-in sessions available throughout November and into December at Children and Family Centres across the county, for you to seek advice from their trained advisors about any SEND queries you may have.

Parents, carers and young people are all welcome along to these sessions and no booking is required.

- **18 November**, 9.30am - 12.30pm at Stratford CFC
- **25 November**, 12.30pm - 3.30pm at Westgate CFC, Warwick
- **5 December**, 9.30am - 12.30pm at Camphill CFC, Nuneaton
- **10 December**, 9.30am - 1.30pm at Boughton Leigh CFC, Rugby



<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=f8bc22402f>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-send/send-support-mainstream-education>

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the

Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for

Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

- First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
- Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

2024/2025 Leave of absence

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices is due to change with effect from 1 September 2024. Therefore Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absences taken after this date will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

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Warwickshire Attendance Service

Key Dates- In advance

Sports Day:
26th June 2025 1pm

Grandparent Gardening Day:
8th May 2025

Engaging Science day
7th March 2025

Parents Evenings:
5th and 6th February 2025 (In person)

Christmas Fair:
Saturday 7th December 2024, 12-3pm (Eric Payne Centre)

DOGS

A reminder that Warwickshire Schools are dog free areas except for guide dogs or assistance dogs. Please do not to bring dogs on to the school site whether on leads or being carried in arms.

Sports Updates

Well done to the Y6 boys who beat Studley St Mary's Juniors 8-4.



***“It was a good team building test for us as we went 2-0 down. It was a tough test against a good team. Ollie scored three, Fin scored four and Charlie scored. Zach and Jake made some great saves and we worked together really well. We are trying our best to win the league this season.”
(Ollie and Jake)***





AT HENLEY IN ARDEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY CLUB

Mon 23rd Dec + Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd
Jan

Fun Multi Sports Club for 4 - 13yrs - football,
netball, dodge ball, tennis, multi-skills & much
more.

Optional sessions they can opt in/out of on the day
FOOTBALL PM - Mon 23rd Dec
NERF GUN - (late pick up) - Thurs 2nd Jan

Late pick up on Thurs 2nd Jan for children aged
5+ 3:15pm-5:30pm.

Early Booking Discount (ends Sun 8th Dec) &
block booking discount available
Childcare & HAF Vouchers Accepted
Please contact Neil on 07912 664 426,
neil@coolsportz.co.uk or for further info including
booking - www.coolsportz.co.uk/henley



Get ready to light up the dark winter evenings!

Join us in creating a magical outdoor gallery in Alcester, as Window Wanderland returns.

Window Wanderland is back in January 2025!

Join in the fun and create a magical window display in
your community. This free event is for everyone!

Find out more and get involved here:

<https://www.windowwanderland.com/area/alcester/>





Ash enjoyed a great visit to Attwell Farm Park.





Wreath making.

Thanks to those who attended our wreath making workshop. Some amazing wreaths were made and lots of fun was had. Many thanks to The PTA for hosting.



WONKA



PERFORMING ARTS
MAYOR MIKE BOWE

SHOW 2

Willow enjoyed visiting Alcester Academy to watch their production of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.



**actfor
autism**

**TOGETHER WITH AUTISM
CONFERENCE**

LEAMINGTON SPA - SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leamington-spa-in-person-together-with-autism-conference-tickets-1072618955169>

Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme winter activity listings are now live

Each eligible young person will be entitled to 4 sessions over the Christmas school holiday. Please book directly with the providers.

You can find a full list of activities [here](#).

For more information on the HAF programme, including eligibility and how to apply for your HAF code, please visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf.

If you have any queries, please contact the team by emailing hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Can you help?

We are looking to develop our lunchtime play provision by introducing some 'loose parts' play. Do you have any of the following (or similar) items you could donate?

Good quality pallets

Large drainage pipes

Clean tarpaulins

Scaffold planks

Large wooden cable reels

Dressing up clothes

Toy cars, blocks, small world play figures...

If you have any other resources you think might be suitable, please get in touch!



THANK YOU!



Protective Behaviours

– what's that?



Protective Behaviours (PBs) is an internal process where each person applies the ideas to their own unique experience. This paper looks at what Protective Behaviours is and some of its uses. It is intended as an information paper with the hope the reader will see its relevance to their specific interests and will then attend training.

The PBs process is presented here as separate sections. In practice, all interact and support each other - to take one section out leaves the others incomplete.

Unwritten rules of society

We see how certain rules of society have a powerful influence on our choices of behaviour. Whilst these rules can be positive and help guide our interactions, many of them tell us we should, ought, or must behave in a particular way. For instance, children should do as adults tell them; professionals should always have the answer; men should not show their feelings and women should behave in a ladylike manner. These rules are not written down, are often contradictory and may not fit with our own experience. During training we look at their function, how they develop, their effects and why we may choose to follow them or not.

Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviours

During this session we look at the interaction between our feelings, thoughts and behaviour. We see that feelings are feelings, neither right nor wrong, good nor bad, positive nor negative. Some people seem to mask one feeling with another or use behaviour as a way of avoiding or covering feelings. We look at how behaviour is a choice with an effect. These effects may involve others as well as ourselves. Sometimes we do not know what our choices are or they may be limited by factors we cannot change. Once we are in touch with our feelings it helps free us to use our thinking. Our thinking can influence both our feelings and behaviour.

Theme 1 'We all have the right to feel safe all the time'

We explore this theme in detail, carefully looking at the connection between rights and responsibilities. We also take the concepts of blame and punishment out of commonly held ideas associated with responsibilities. Instead we focus on the 'ability to respond' contained within the meaning of the word. The difference between having a responsibility for ourselves and to others is also examined. Next we discover for ourselves the difference between feeling safe, fun to feel scared (adventurous), risking on purpose (which may not feel like fun but we want the goal at the end) and feeling unsafe. These differences are recognised by what we call our 'Early Warning Signs' (EWS), the specific bodily responses which tell us when we do not feel safe. These universal body signs mean Protective Behaviours is accessible to all people, irrespective of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ability or belief system.

Theme 2 'We can talk with someone about anything, even if feels awful or small'

This theme is also explored in detail. In particular we focus on the ideas and effects of 'talking', and what might happen if we do not believe this theme. We encourage everyone to develop their personal networks of support; those people they could turn to if in need. Desired qualities of network people are identified and we examine how we would know if someone has these qualities. Types of networks and ways of letting people know we need to talk with them are also explored.