Safeguarding Update Issue 7

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Upskirting

www.childline.org.uk

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If you have concerns about a child or wish to receive some form of support, please come and talk to a member of the safeguarding team.

What is Upskirting?

Upskirting typically involves taking a picture under a person's clothing without them knowing, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks (with or without underwear) to obtain sexual gratification, or cause the victim humiliation, distress or alarm.

Upskirting is a criminal offence in England and Wales and must be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

It can take place in a range of places, e.g. The British Transport Police have seen a rise of reports on public transport.

Anyone, and any gender, can be a victim and this behaviour is completely unacceptable.

Upskirting is distressing and a humiliating violation of privacy for victims.

We always take every incident seriously and conduct a full investigation.

Our response to a report of sexual violence or sexual harassment:

It is essential that all victims are reassured that they are being taken seriously and that they will be supported and kept safe.

A victim should never be given the impression that they are creating a problem by reporting sexual violence or sexual harassment. Nor should a victim ever be made to feel ashamed for making a report.

If staff have a concern about a child or a child makes a disclosure to them, they will report this to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) and then record the disclosure on CPOMS – the school's electronic safeguarding record keeping. The person who has dealt with the situation will then contact the parents to discuss the incident with them in more detail. The behaviour policy would be followed at all times to ensure that the victim is safeguarded and the person responsible understands the gravity of what they have done.

If you are concerned and don't know what to do, report to a member of the school's Safeguarding team for advice

If you have any other safeguarding concerns that you would like information on, please email:
head@hollybrookinfant.co.uk or
head@hollybrookjunior.co.uk
Issues that have been covered in the Safeguarding Updates so far are:
Issue 1 – Online Safety
Issue 2 – Extremism and Radicalisation
Issue 3 – Gangs
Issue 4 – Keeping Children Safe 2022/23
Issue 5 – Anti-Bullying
Issue 6 – Child on Child Abuse

Further Help and Useful Websites:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/victim-and-witness-services

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/

https://southamptonscp.org.uk/

https://safeline.org.uk/be-informed/information-resources/what-is-upskirting/