



Safeguarding and Child Protection



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Parenting

Being a parent is hard! We all need a bit of help or advice now and again. My Family Coach is a brilliant website with lots of parenting advice on topics including arguments, screen time, health, behaviour, etc. The website also offers free online classes. <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>



Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and schools. Mossy Lea is part of Operation Encompass in partnership with Lancashire Police. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified. Operation Encompass is very simple and easy to implement within a school. Every school appoints a trained Key Adult – the Key Adult is the person who receives information about police attended Domestic Abuse incidents. The Key Adult will be notified prior to the start of the next school day that the police have attended an incident. This timely information sharing enables appropriate support to be provided for that child so that all interactions, from when the child first arrives at the school gates, are of a positive nature. The Key Adult must be trained as a Designated or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. The Key Adults at Mossy Lea are Andy Purcell and Antonella Greenhalgh.

Worried about a Child?

If you're worried about a child or young person, you can contact the NSPCC Helpline for support and advice for free - call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) or [contact us online](#).

Children can contact [Childline](#) on 0800 111 or online any time to get support themselves.

Child to Parent Abuse

We often think about domestic abuse being between current or former partners, and for many years, male to female intimate partner abuse was the only type acknowledged openly in the media, in communities and even sometimes by health, social care and emergency services professionals. But Child to Parent Abuse is real, it is **not** only caused by poor parenting, and it needs to be talked about openly.

Some feel ashamed for asking for help; some feel guilty about the impact on their child – even though the child is the one displaying abusive behaviours, they still love them and don't want them to be affected in the future by their behaviour now.

Parents who are struggling with behaviours at home can access support from their school or local children's centres. They can also go to the Parental Educational Growth Support Website (PEGS):

<https://www.pegssupport.co.uk/parents>

You can also speak to any member of the Senior Leadership Team who will offer support and advice.

Online life and offline life is just life

For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet and for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life.

Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

Starting the conversation

Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

Tips for your conversation

Reassure them



Try not to treat it like an interview



Ask who they're talking to



Remind them about strangers

