

# SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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Information for Parents & Carers

This is the first edition of the Hungerhill Safeguarding Newsletter. The aim is to provide you with the latest, relevant help and advice on safeguarding issues. Our goal is to support you in helping your child navigate what is a pivotal time in their lives.

## REPORT REMOVE - CHILDLINE

Relationships are a natural part of growing up and meeting a first 'intimate' partner will often occur within the school environment. However, much of the relationship will often take place over social media platforms which can lead to individuals engaging in sending or receiving explicit images, without thinking ahead of the potential consequences. This is increased among school aged individuals, as they are unable to make mature decisions which leaves them particularly vulnerable to impulsive actions.

Childline has built a new tool designed called Report Remove which helps young people under 18 in the UK to confidentially report sexual images and videos of themselves and remove them from the internet.

For more information see click on the link [Report Remove | Childline](#)



## 'ADD EVERYONE' – WHATSAPP ALERT

Recent concerns have been highlighted regarding a WhatsApp group known as 'Add Everyone.' Schools and regional police forces across the UK have warned that this group exposes children and young people to explicit and harmful material. 'Add Everyone' group chats can go by many names, but their purpose is often the same. These WhatsApp groups are spaces where children and young people are invited to join a chat that contains content such as sexual images, material promoting self-harm, sexual violence, racism and other inappropriate content.

The chats may be created by adults seeking to connect with younger users or by young people themselves as a seemingly fun activity. However, it is difficult to control who becomes a member of these groups, in some cases, the group owners ask for children to add their contacts to the group, 'except their parents'.

As WhatsApp has lowered its minimum age from 16 to 13 this year, the risk of young users encountering inappropriate content and adults may increase. Reports indicate that these groups have targeted children as young as 9.

More advice can be found here: [ineqe.safeguarding-alert-add-everyone-whatsapp-group](#)

## CHILDREN WITH PARENTS IN PRISON

Children Heard and Seen is a charity aimed at improving the issues caused by parental imprisonment. It aims to bridge an existing gap in the provision of support for children and young people in these circumstances. They currently offer one-on-one support from trained practitioners, assistance for parents and carers, peer support groups and more.

If you are caring for a child with a parent in prison and would like to access support for yourself or your child, please get in touch at

[info@childrenheardandseen.co.uk](mailto:info@childrenheardandseen.co.uk)  
<https://childrenheardandseen.co.uk/>



## ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

It is vitally important that if you change your home phone/email/mobile number, that you immediately let the school know, so that we have the most up-to-date contact details.

Thank you!

## SAFEGUARDING TEAM



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## USEFUL ON-LINE SAFETY WEBSITES

*National Online Safety – safety guides on ALL aspects of internet use*

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Internet Matters – wide range of online safety advice for parents to keep their children safe on-line.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

The Hungerhill Safeguarding Team has been trained to an advanced level on all aspects of safeguarding. We are available to any student, parent or school staff member to report any safeguarding concerns.

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