

Talbot Primary School Safeguarding Newsletter

February 2025



Talbot Primary School uses Operation Encompass within school. Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.

For further information please use the link/ website below.

[Why was Operation Encompass created? : Operation Encompass](#)

Cycle Helmet Safety

We continue to see a number of children riding a bike to school who are not wearing a helmet.

Although wearing a helmet for adults is a matter of personal choice, hospital data shows that 45% of child cyclists suffer head injuries.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD WEARS A
HELMET TO SCHOOL.**

Mental Health support for young people and families.

If parents/ carers require additional mental health support, the following charities are available to support:

Mind

Information and support as well as helplines for people experiencing mental health problems and their friends and families.

Rethink Mental Illness

Advice as well as services and support for people affected by mental illness and their friends and families.

Samaritans

Round-the-clock confidential support to people going through a tough time.

SANE

Emotional support to people affected by mental health problems and their families and friends.

Medical appointments

Medical appointments, where possible, should be booked outside of school hours. If a medical appointment is booked within school time, evidence of this appointment will need to be provided.

Latest guidance of children staying at home alone or walking home from school

A child who isn't old enough or who doesn't feel comfortable should never be left home alone. If this is the case, it's best to look into childcare options that might work for your family.

There's no legal age a child can be left home alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk. Every child matures differently, so it would be almost impossible to have a "one size fits all" law:

Children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for a long period of time.

Children under 16 should not be left alone overnight.

Babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone

Online Safety Act

In May 2024, The Online Safety Act 2023 (the Act) is a new set of laws that protects children and adults online.

It puts a range of new duties on social media companies and search services, making them more responsible for their users' safety on their platforms. The Act will give providers new duties to implement systems and processes to reduce risks their services are used for illegal activity, and to take down illegal content when it does appear.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer>

Attendance- Winners Cup

1CB were presented with the Attendance Winners Cup for excellent attendance for the Autumn term overall, well done everyone!

