



13th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, and in-line with current guidance we are currently looking into the most effective way to teach your children about positive relationships including harmful behaviors. You may have seen the recent national news coverage on Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) in schools and the social cultures and online harms related to them.

*Harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) is **developmentally inappropriate sexual behaviour** which is displayed by children and young people and which may be harmful or abusive. ... It's harmful to the children and young people who display it, as well as those it is directed towards.*  
(NSPCC)

Ofsted have stated that the problem is so prolific that all primary and secondary schools must assume that it is happening in their schools, so it is important that we respond to this effectively and appropriately.

We have already delivered whole staff training on what HSB is, how we can prevent or reduce instances of it occurring, how a child or young person may behave if they have been subjected to HSB and what we must do to support both the child who has been harmed and the child who has harmed other children. We ensure that safeguarding our pupils is our number one priority and that this underpins everything that we do and runs through all of our policies.

We have reviewed and updated our RSHE (Relationships, Social and Health Education) curriculum to reflect the new harms that children are facing, and we focus on children feeling comfortable in various relationships and how to identify unhealthy relationships and when they are harmful. We teach our pupils what to do and how to get support if they are being harmed. This builds on our ongoing work through the safeguarding curriculum about children being in charge of their body.

The children at Iceni Primary will learn about:

- My Feelings
- Asking for Help
- Everyone Deserves to be Treated Nicely and What You Can Do if you're Not
- My Relationships
- Keeping myself Safe
- Taking Responsibility for my Healthy Lifestyle
- Lifestyle & Cultures
- The World of Drugs
- Anti-Bullying Week/ Peer on Peer Abuse
- Safer Internet
- What Makes Places Healthy/Not so Healthy?
- Growing and Changing



- My Beliefs
- My Rights and Responsibilities
- Are they Being Kind to You?

Over the coming months we will also be speaking to pupils about how to identify and protect themselves from harmful behaviours specifically. We will look carefully at the behaviour and language of our pupils inside the academy and ask them about experiences outside of the academy. We will seek to work with parents to prevent harmful behaviours through education and would welcome any insight parents are willing to share.

If you would like to know more about HSB and how it affects children/young people, Panorama has just aired 'Who's Protecting Our Kids?' A powerful thirty-minute programme available on i-player. This programme provides some really accessible examples of exactly what our children are faced with when they log onto various platforms (without searching for anything!)

Please also download the Safer Schools app, which provides parents with up to date information concerning safeguarding matters for free! It is written by experts and offers bite-size updates on the latest risks and protective factors online as well as giving a credible library of resources and information ready for when you need it. The QR code for Safer Schools is below:



Parent/Carer - Primary  
Iceni Academy Hockwold

If you have any concerns, please do contact me on the email at the top of this letter.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

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Mrs E Owner

Principal/DSL