

Tree House Safeguarding Newsletter

August 2023

Welcome to the first edition of the Tree House Safeguarding Newsletter

At Tree House, we want to make sure you know who to contact if you ever have a concern about a child, and, feel confident that your concern is dealt with appropriately.

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and prevent them from serious harm.

Why is Safeguarding important?

Safeguarding is a vital process because it protects children and young people from harm. Nurseries, schools, and other organisations have safeguarding procedures in place to protect children and young people and improve outcomes for those involved.

Who is responsible for Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is **everyone's** responsibility, however, every organisation that works with children needs to have someone that takes the lead on safeguarding and child protection. This is usually called a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), and a Deputy Safeguarding Lead. The nominated DSL has additional responsibilities in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and young people involved in an organisation.

Safeguarding at Tree House

If you ever have any concerns or feel you want to speak to someone – we have a Designated Safeguarding Lead and a Deputy Safeguarding Lead that can help you.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: **Emma Kenna**

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: **Amy Phillips**

Please speak to **Emma or Amy** if you ever have any concerns.



How do we keep the children safe?

Keeping your children safe when they are at Tree House is of paramount importance and we treat this duty of care very seriously. We want your child to feel comfortable and safe whilst in our care, to enable them to play and explore freely in a happy and caring environment. The below is not an exhaustive list – but some key examples of how we keep the children safe and secure.

- All our staff are kept up to date with Safeguarding and First Aid training and made aware of any policy / legislation updates.
- Our building is secured by our CCTV system and the main external door remains locked to ensure the safety and whereabouts of the children.
- Any visitors to Tree House are signed in and accompanied by a staff member.
- Our staff carry out daily risk assessments in and around the nursery grounds to ensure there are no hazards or risks to the children.
- We have relevant policies and procedures in place – please feel free to ask a member of staff if you would like to see a copy.
- Each child is assigned a key member of staff when they join Tree House to ensure your child feels cared for, understood, and safe.
- We record each absence, and each child is signed in and out of our registers every day.
- Staff are only allowed to use electronic devices during lunch breaks. Any Smart Watches must have the camera function turned off. Any visitors to the building must turn their mobile phones off.
- Accidents, incidents, and previous incidents (anything that happens outside of nursery) are recorded, signed, and kept for the required period.

Let's not forget our fabulous team who are fully committed in providing the best possible care. From day to day, we have an opportunity to explore the world again through little eyes and play a key role in shaping future generations.

Somerset Safeguarding Children's Partnership

We work together with the Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP). The SSCP are the partnership responsible for safeguarding children in Somerset. The partnership is made up of **Somerset Council**, **Avon and Somerset Constabulary** and **Somerset Integrated Care Board**, who all have equal responsibility to safeguard children and young people. The aim of the partnership is to ensure that effective systems are in place to promote the well-being of children and young people and safeguard them from harm.

Contact:

Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224

[Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)

Email: childrens@somerset.gov.uk

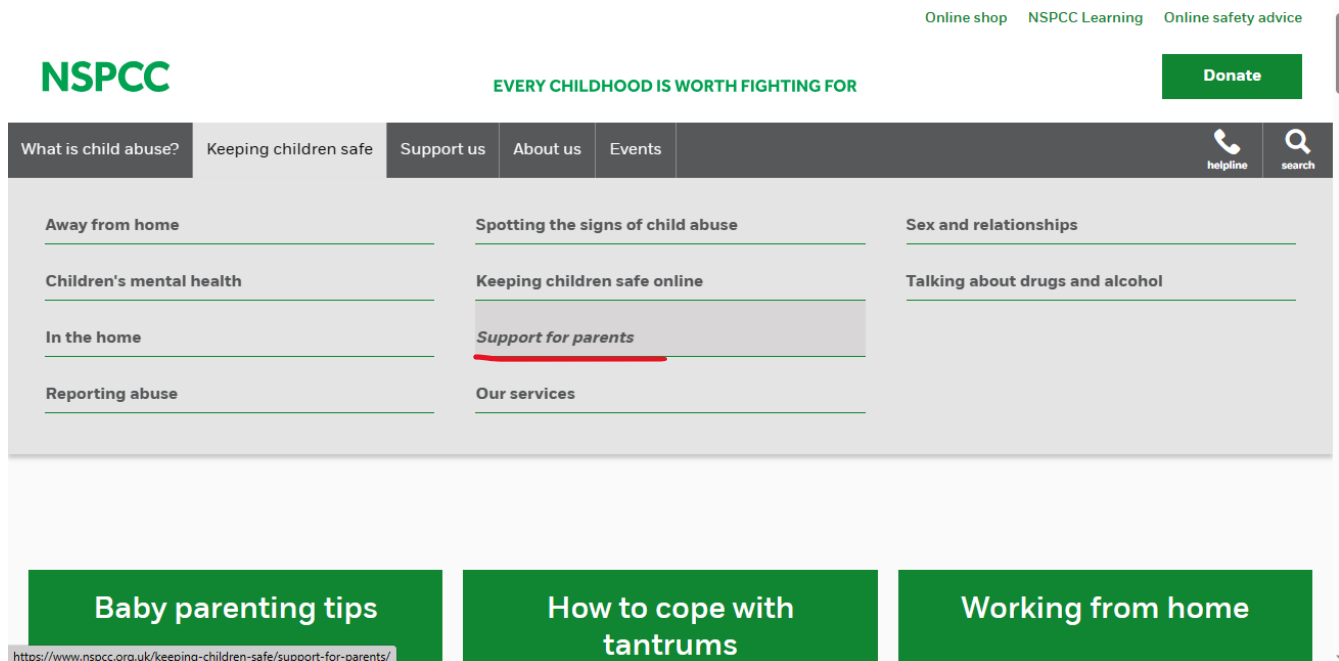
Police: 101 or in an emergency 999



NSPCC

‘Every childhood is worth fighting for’.

The NSPCC is the UK’s leading children’s charity who have been looking out for children for over 130 years. The NSPCC have helped over 6 million children become safe from Abuse. From their campaigns to their services, the NSPCC strive to make a difference in everything they do. The NSPCC website is a wealth of information - there is a section for parents/carers that covers various topics and is most definitely worth a look! See the below screenshot on how to find it:



Contact:

0808 800 5000

help@NSPCC.org.uk

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We hope this newsletter has given you an insight into what Safeguarding is and how we promote this at Tree House. For some it can be a delicate topic, but the work that we do plays a major part in putting children’s needs first and keeping them safe from harm.

Moving forward, we aim to cover a range of topics in future newsletters and hope that you will find these useful and informative. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Emma or Amy Phillips.

Remember - don't stay silent. Think it? Report it.

Emma – Designated Safeguarding Lead
Amy Phillips – Deputy Safeguarding Lead

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