

## Newsletter for Primary Schools

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Hello Friends,

Welcome to our June Newsletter 😊 Please share with colleagues in your own and other schools.

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### **Peer to Peer Harmful (Sexualised) Behaviour – Inputs and Resources**

In response to requests from schools for an input for Year 6 pupils around consent and respect, we have a new presentation which can be delivered by your PCSO. 'Harmful Behaviour and the Law' covers PSHE objectives, the law and age of criminal responsibility.

The [Pol-Ed](#) resource has lessons which are available on Consent for Year 6. Invite your PCSO in to school when you are delivering Pol-Ed. They can support by answering questions, reminding children how and when to contact the police and building trust through engagement.



Dylan Ramsay  
Drowned in 2011  
Aged 13



## **ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE**

### **Water Safety**

Beckie Ramsay, Dylans mum, will be speaking with our Safer Schools Officers in July to share her story and education awareness resources. She has campaigned tirelessly to achieve getting Water Safety Education into the Draft Statutory RSE Curriculum (P32).

<https://vimeo.com/733122640> This video is 8 minutes 35 seconds long.

Please take time to include the video in a staff meeting and prioritise teaching water safety before the end of the summer term. Tell parents to educate all their children on the risks of cold water.

The Water Safety Code and Primary School resources can be downloaded, free, from The Royal Life Saving Society; [The Water Safety Code \(rlss.org.uk\)](https://www.rlss.org.uk)



**WEST YORKSHIRE  
POLICE**

It is **ILLEGAL** to ride privately-owned e-scooters on pavements or public roads




### eScooter Dangers

Lithium batteries in eScooters are becoming the new trend in causes of fires in London, and this concern is echoed in West Yorkshire (WY).

eScooters are NOT legal to use in WY, except on private land, but aside from this, fires caused by faulty batteries, usually when charging, and often months or years after the battery has performed safely, are a huge risk for many families who have these as everyday items in their homes and gardens.

Guidance from West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service can be found [here](#)

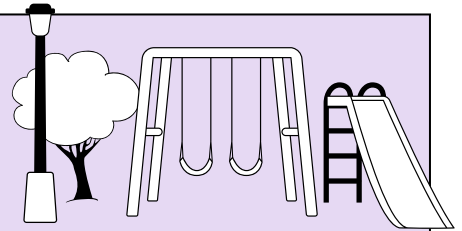
The time between these two photos of an eScooter fire is just **10 seconds**.  
The fire was caused by a lithium battery.  
Watch the video [here](#)

### Children’s Summer Self-Care Plans

As teachers count the days down to the well-earned summer break, it seems hard to image that for some children this is a time they dread, when isolation and lack of routine have a negative effect on their wellbeing.

Use the below link to help children think about what they’d like to do, what is in their capacity to do, what is SAFE to do and have a plan in place to structure their day.

[Self-care | Anna Freud](#)



### Sexual Exploitation of Children

The recent, unprecedented [message from the National Crime Agency to schools](#) in relation to sextortion of young boys comes amongst a plethora of reports warning about child generated sexual images;

[‘They killed our son’: Online scammers tearing families apart as sextortion cases soar | ITV News;](#)

[Under 10s groomed online ‘like never before’ in 2023 find IWF;](#)

[Don’t delay talking to girls about keeping safe online - ARU;](#)

[Insight into girls & parents' understanding of self-generated child sexual abuse material \(iwf.org.uk\);](#)

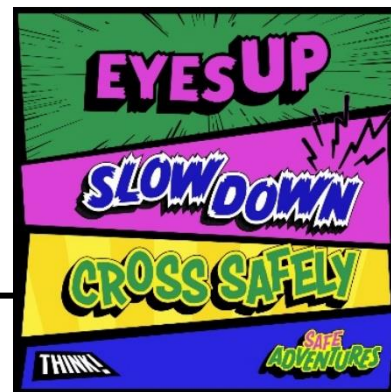
The key message is talk to children about this early, in every day conversations so safety becomes normalised and self-blame is eradicated. But how do you start the conversation?

Try a putting speech bubble or text message on the board to discuss intention, grooming indicators, risk and safe responses. Further guidance is available [here](#).

Send a photo. I just want to see what you look like

Let’s go in private chat. Too busy in here

Year 6



## 'Safe Adventures' Supporting Children as They Move to Secondary School

The [THINK!](http://www.think.gov.uk/campaign/safe-adventures) 'Safe Adventures' campaign aims to help parents and guardians prepare their children for independent travel when they move to secondary school.

- **'EYES UP'** prompts children to put their phone away and look out for their friends and not distract them. Children should stay focused near traffic, look right, left and right again before crossing the road and continue looking and listening while they cross.
- **'SLOW DOWN'** advises children to take care and don't run across the road when traffic is coming even if you think there is time. It can be difficult to judge the speed of traffic. If traffic is coming, let it pass.
- **'CROSS SAFELY'** reminds children to always find a safe place to cross, use a pedestrian crossing if there is one and choose a place where you can see clearly in all directions. Crossing between parked vehicles is hazardous and should be avoided where possible. But when they need to, use the outside edge of the vehicles (as if they were the kerb), stop there and check for traffic looking right, left and right again before entering the road. Check the vehicles are not about to move off, look for drivers in the cars, lights and listen for engines running. When getting off the bus, wait for the bus to leave so you have a clear view and can be seen by other road users.

We encourage parents and guardians to undertake practice journeys, always model best practice and to have a road safety conversation as part of their child's preparation for changing school.

Find out more [www.think.gov.uk/campaign/safe-adventures](http://www.think.gov.uk/campaign/safe-adventures).

### PCSO Visits to Schools



I always encourage schools to make contact with me if you don't know who your PCSO is so I can link you up with your allocated person, however, it's sometimes the case the PCSO is a regular visitor at a school but not everyone in school knows or has contact details.

It would help me if your PCSO engagement is shared between all staff and contact details were kept centrally perhaps in the school office.

Thank-you very much for your support, and don't let this put you off contacting me if your school doesn't have their PCSO contact details. 😊



### PCSO's (Police Community Support Officers)

PCSO's are part of Neighbourhood Policing Teams. They are highly visible and accessible in their communities. All their public facing duties are carried out in full uniform. They engage with local people and partners to identify and tackle issues that are causing concern. They problem solve, take part in preventative work and identify and safeguard the most vulnerable people in communities. They also work with young people in schools 😊

Did you know that in West Yorkshire we have an allocated PCSO for every single primary school?



### Crime Scenes at St Nicholas R.C Primary

PCSO Crawford arranged an input at St Nicholas R.C Primary School, Leeds where a Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) attended the school and set up a crime scene, for pupils to investigate.

A fantastic event for pupils who learnt about investigating a crime scene for forensics, DNA, fingerprints and much more!

A special thanks to the CSI officer, for attending the school and all young people for their outstanding behaviour.

### Garforth and Gipton Schools Visits

PCSO's from Leeds East NPT have today been out and about across Garforth and Gipton, working alongside local primary schools.

PCSO's Fiddler and Simpson, delivered 'Talk to the Bear' inputs at Ninelands Primary School, Garforth whilst PCSO Crawford conducted speed checks on Oakwood Lane with St Nicholas R.C Primary School.

All children were fantastic, actively engaging and participating in the sessions and are a credit to their primary schools.

A special thanks to both schools for welcoming in the local PCSO's.



*Would you like to see your PCSO visit featured on this page?  
Just send me a photo and a short write up and I'll add it next time!*

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