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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th November

WHEN I THINK OF THE HAPPINESS
THAT IS IN STORE FOR ME, EVERY
SORROW, EVERY PAIN BECOMES
DEAR TO ME.

st. francis of assisi



**CHILD SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION
PRESENTATION FOR
PARENTS – Tuesday 21st
November at 3.25pm in the**

**hall. Please try to come along to this as there are
gangs emerging across Telford, putting children more
at risk. CSE impacts both boys and girls.**

**We have a fully qualified safeguarding consultant,
Geoff Howard, coming to school to deliver on this.**

What is CSE?

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a form of sexual, emotional and physical abuse of children.

It can be difficult to recognise the [warning signs](#) of child sexual exploitation, as they are similar to the challenges that all parents of adolescent or near-adolescent children face.

As a rough guide, child sexual exploitation can be defined in the following terms:

- A person under 18 is sexually exploited when they are coerced into sexual activities by one or more person(s) who have deliberately targeted their youth and inexperience in order to exercise power over them.
- The process often involves a stage of 'grooming', in which the child might receive something (such as a mobile phone, clothes, drugs or alcohol, attention or affection) prior to, or as a result of, performing sexual activities, or having sexual activities performed on them.
- Child sexual exploitation may occur through the use of technology without the child's consent or immediate recognition; for example, through being persuaded to post sexual images over the internet or via mobile phone.
- Child sexual exploitation is often conducted with actual violence or the threat of violence. This may be threats towards the child, or her or his family and may prevent the child from disclosing the abuse or exiting the cycle of exploitation. Indeed, the child may be so confused by the process, that they do not perceive any abuse at all.



- It's not your fault. Child sexual exploitation happens to girls and boys from all types of family.

Who is responsible for CSE?

Perpetrators of child sexual exploitation come from all ages and backgrounds and both sexes, although the majority are men. Children may be sexually exploited by an individual, or by a group of people connected through formal networks (ie through trade, business or other community networks) or more informal friendship groups. Children are also sexually exploited by gangs with criminal associations. In these cases, the gang may benefit financially from the sexual exploitation.

Important: Pathway Access

Weather permitting on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th of November, the pathway works will be completed. We have been advised not to use the path for 24 hours after the work is completed. Therefore, we would kindly



ask that you use the main gate off the playground for collection of your child on Thursday afternoon, Friday morning drop off and Friday afternoon collection. Many thanks for your help with this matter.

Bus stop parking

Please could we ask you to refrain from parking in the bus stop. You will have seen that parking enforcement officers have been visiting school regularly and they will issue you with a ticket.

Christmas Performances

We are holding four Christmas Performances at school on the following dates and times. Please pop the dates in your diaries. Tickets will be free but limited to two per family, per performance in the Key Stage your child is in, in the first instance. A letter will



be sent out. Please note, pushchairs cannot go into the hall so babies will need to be on laps – thank you for your anticipated understanding.

05.12.23	KS1 Christmas Performance, 'Christmas Counts'	9am and 2.20pm
07.12.23	KS2 Christmas Performances, 'The Great Christmas Story'	9am and 2.20pm

Head lice and nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.



Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:



- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work. For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

Information:

The charity Community Hygiene Concern has a [video about wet combing for head lice](#).

You cannot prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

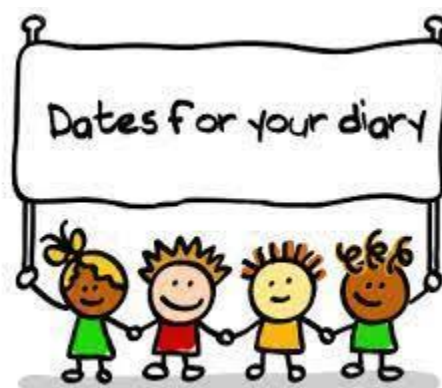
Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.



Our school's menu can be viewed here:

https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/388/st_marys_primary_school_menu



Date	Activity	Notes
20.11.23	Year 6 Cosford Trip	More information to follow
28.11.23	Year 2 Kingswood Trip	More information to follow
01.12.23	Advent Activity Day- Darkness to Light	More information to follow

05.12.23	KS1 Christmas Performances	More information to follow
07.12.23	KS2 Christmas Performances	More information to follow
14.12.23	Christmas Dinner	
20.12.23	Year 6 – Height and Weight	
21.12.23	Children break-up for Christmas	
22.12.23	PD Day	
08.01.23	PD Day	
09.01.23	Children return to school	