



SAFE AT SUMMERHILL

At Summerhill School we are committed to Safeguarding our children and young people as well as promoting positive well-being for all.

This safeguarding newsletter, aims to help staff, parents and students alike to be aware of Safeguarding and mental-health issues, giving you useful links and resources to use if you have concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the main school number 01384 816165 or via email on studentsupport@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk

Current Information Regarding Ukraine

The news and our Social Media feeds are filled with the horrendous situation that is currently happening in Ukraine. Whilst Geographically we are far away from the events, children that are listening to and viewing distressing images may feel frightened and fearful. Here are some resources that may help you when dealing with and having conversations with your children:



<https://metro.co.uk/2022/02/24/how-to-talk-to-children-about-whats-happening-in-ukraine-16163133/>

https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources//tips_for_parents_media_coverage_of_traumatic_events.pdf

Country Lines Awareness Week – 7th – 13th March 2022

County Lines is defined as the activity of ‘gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK. Organised crime groups use a variety of different methods in order to get victims to carry drugs across counties as well as around their local area. For more information please see the below information leaflet:



West Midlands
Violence
Reduction Unit

<https://westmidlands-vru.org/app/uploads/2022/02/County-Lines-Intro-RR-002.pdf>

Young Minds : Dealing with Grief

Grief is an emotional loss and can affect people physically, mentally and socially. It is a process rather than an event and sometimes it can feel overwhelming and difficult to cope with. Young Minds have put together some information on what grief is and how you can deal with it, which can be found on the link below:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/my-feelings/grief-and-loss/>



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