



## 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](mailto:studentsupport@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk)*

### Young Carers

A young carer is identified as anyone under the age of 18 years old that provides unpaid care to a family member who is disabled, physically or mentally ill, or misuses substances. . A ‘young adult carer’ is anyone up to the age of 25. Alongside normal day-to-day activities like school and socialising, young carers may also have to cook, clean and go food shopping. They may also have to help with personal activities such as washing and dressing or help them access activities outside. There are lots of other problems with being a young carer like feeling isolated or having mental health issues. You can find out more on the Safer Schools website on the below link:



<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/03/16/young-carers-and-isolation/>

### Child Q

You may have read in the news this week about the case of Child Q who was strip search in a school by two female Metropolitan Police Officers. There are a number of shocking aspects to the case including the fact that no one from the police or school spoke to the parent. The review report is ‘clear that the strip search of Child Q should never have happened and there was no reasonable justification for it.’

### NSPCC Resources



The NSPCC provides many helpful resources on their website to help make conversations with your children easier. There are resources on their that cover self harm, mental health problems and suicidal thoughts, drugs and alcohol and online safety. For more information please follow the link below:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>



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