

# SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the April edition of the Safeguarding Bulletin.

Your safeguarding contacts are:

- **Sara Graham** (Designated Safeguarding Lead).
- **Anita Baillie** (Child Protection and Safeguarding Manager/Deputy DSL).
- **Janine Hickey** (Safeguarding Officer).



## HARMFUL ONLINE CONTENT

Sir Thomas Wharton Academy have Smoothwall filtering and monitoring processes in place and alerts are sent to the safeguarding team each day to report any activity relating to unsafe activity including harmful online content.

Children and young people nationally have reported accidentally stumbling across graphic material which can be disturbing in nature and/or explicitly searching for harmful online content for a number of reasons including peer pressure, curiosity about sex, to participate in online challenges and/or join discussions with other vulnerable groups. However, large numbers of children describe the negative impact harmful online content can have on them, or that searching for harmful content became an addiction. While it is important to promote digital resilience in children and young people, we also have a duty of care to keep children safe online as well as offline. **NSPCC** and **Childline** have produced a briefing outlining children's experiences. **National Online Safety** have lots of resources to support parents and professionals. Click on the logos below for more information.



**Rotherham Power** also have lots of resources – Click on the poster opposite.

## SIR THOMAS WHARTON ACADEMY - SAFEGUARDING TIPS

At Sir Thomas Wharton Academy we are committed to keeping children safe and well - but it's important that adults look after themselves too. Maybe you could sit for a few moments outside, read a book or do a puzzle. Having a clear out and recycling unwanted items can be therapeutic – you could donate them to a charity shop or find a creative use for them.

Visit [Creative Recycling Projects from Common Household Items | ReuseThisBag.com](https://www.reusethisbag.com) for some ideas.

