

# Stoke Park Primary School—Safeguarding Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

Many of us will be feeling deeply saddened by the events unfolding in Ukraine currently. Whilst we are geographically far away from these events, many in our schools and communities will be directly affected and may have families or roots in the region.

It's inevitable that children will become aware, to varying extents, of the situation. They may have overheard conversations, viewed information on social media about it or overheard conversations between their peers. It is also likely that, as parents, we will be asked questions relating to what they have seen or heard. I have attached some links below that will hopefully support you in supporting your children with what they are seeing and feeling.

If you have concerns that your child is particularly anxious about the events, please speak to a member of staff so we can offer emotional support at school.

If you have any questions, please do ask.

Mrs Higgitt

Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead.

## Useful Resources to support discussions with children about war.

The Department for Education have published some useful information about talking to children about such events, this can be found on the following link:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation>

Newsround have produced a short film for children about coping with scary events in the news:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

Place to Be have also shared the following link, which might be useful:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/talking-to-your-children-scary-world-news>

Childnet have offered some helpful guidance on supporting your child if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in Ukraine

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>



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## The Safeguarding team.

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the schools safeguarding team



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Or contact **First Response** on:  
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