



Welcome to our fourth Safeguarding Bulletin. Last half term we explored **CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH** and **SAFER USE OF THE INTERNET**. In this addition we will be focusing on the global situation that is developing before our eyes. Wherever we look we see images coming from Ukraine and our students are no different. They are bombarded through their phones with information and misinformation and they need our help in guiding them through this very difficult time. We know from some of their questions, that students are interested and concerned with the events unfolding in Ukraine, we also know that they are being subject to scare-mongering from online sources.

As part of our curriculum of **British values of tolerance and respect** all of our students took part in a one-off lesson exploring the current tensions this month.

The key messages of the session, included;

- Listen to others
- Be respectful of other students and their opinions
- Be mindful that some people may have family or friends that have been directly impacted by the conflict.
- Be sensitive to the issues



At the end of the lesson, Students were invited to write a prayer of peace for the conflict. If you want to help the people of Ukraine you can join the Sts Peter and Paul appeal by donating via **Parent Pay**



Discussing the conflict at home

Before starting a conversation about the Ukraine Crisis, it's a good idea to start with what they already know, see what their base level of knowledge is and see what questions or concerns they have.

Whatever age your child is, it is important to talk about what is happening in an age appropriate way, and to show content and information that is suitable for your child.

Newsround have created a roundup for young people about the situation in Ukraine, which can be a good way to start conversation with your child if they are seeing content online.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60417806>

With world events surrounding the Ukraine and Russian conflict, young people may be hearing words like 'bombing', 'invasion' and 'World War Three' in posts on Instagram, TikTok and other social media sites. Young people on social media may be seeing a range of posts; some factual, some memes, some scaremongering, and may be worried or confused about what is happening and the impact this may have on them.

If you or your child have a non-emergency concern, please contact safeguarding@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk for advice and support. For emergencies please call 999.



We should not hide what is happening, but support children in understanding it. We must remember that children can find solace in being part of a wider community that is comprehending and responding to these events.

Children can use these experiences to find their voice and become empowered members of society.

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