











INFORMATION FOR PARENTS TRUST AND TELL IS AN INITIATIVE UNDER THE BANNER OF "SAVE THE SEVEN" WHICH IS THE STRATEGIC AIM.

You should have already received information from the school about what is being delivered and some of the aims. Now we have delivered the resources here are some suggestions of things to talk about with your child.

Save the Seven is an initiative focussing on reducing child abuse. What we know is that for every eight children who have been sexually abused, only one will speak out and tell a trusted adult, leaving the remaining seven vulnerable.

There are lots of reasons why children don't speak out about abuse, they may be scared, embarrassed or not aware that something happening to them is wrong or know that a trusted adult can help. Always encourage your child to speak out if they are ever worried, scared or frightened, telling the truth is a brave thing to do and secrets should never be kept!

Identifying the difference between keeping secrets and surprises can help a child to understand when they should speak out or ask for help.

The Trust and Tell initiative helps children identify who their 'trusted adults' are and encourages them to speak out if something is upsetting them or causing them to worry

Although it may be difficult it's important that your child is aware of the names for all of their body parts and that these parts – especially the private ones are private. There are a range of resources that can help you to talk about this in a fun way, the school can point you towards these. Simply reminding your child that pants are private and no one should touch them can help to keep them safe.

The aim of this initiative is to keep children safe. We are aware that statistics related to abuse can be frightening and we do not want to cause undue concern but want to be proactive to reduce the number of children affected. We also acknowledge that many parents or carers might be affected by this issue.

If you would like further information or to discuss anything about this subject please speak to your school PSHE lead or Designated Safeguarding Lead. Information and support is also available from http://www.eraseabuse.org

For more information on Mini Police visit https://www.durham.police.uk/ Pages/Mini-Police.aspx





Children can tell a trusted adult or call Childline at any time on 0800 1111