

ChildLine SCHOOLS SERVICE



The sooner the conversation starts the sooner the abuse stops...

The Free ChildLine Schools Service is a new safeguarding service which seeks to work alongside every primary school nationally and across Brighton and Hove and East and West Sussex to help keep pupils happy and safe. It is available to every school for free on a biannual basis.

Research has shown that the majority of children who contact ChildLine helpline for information, help and support are over 11 years old but we know that abuse often started many months, or even years, before – that's why we created our new service for primary aged children which has simple and powerful aims: to enable every child to understand the different forms of abuse, to identify signs of abuse, to know where they can go for help and to know they have the right to be happy and safe

“The delivery was excellent. Very clear messages were given in a supportive environment. The idea of having an assembly followed a week later with a follow up workshop was great as it gave the children time to reflect on what they had heard and then respond or raise questions. The overall message was about keeping children safe and children keeping themselves safe. Children are now raising any concerns they have and understand from the workshop that they can raise any concern they have, no matter how “silly” they may think it is. The message is all concerns / worries they have are important. The assembly and workshop are totally age appropriate. A well worth activity I would strongly recommend.”

Feedback from pupils via the Childline Website regarding School service visits across the UK

- Yes you came to our school and taught us about all kinds abuse. I found it very good !!!
- it went great! now I know who I can speak to and solve my problems with you. Buddy thinks child line is "ok" (thumbs up)
THANK YOU! X
- child line came to are school they taught a lot and I was very interested
- We had lots of fun learning about different types of abuses such as neglect and emotional abuse. We also learnt the number and that child line is open 24 7. All together I thought it was really good!
- They came to our school and taught us many things about different abuses
- Great time, I liked the sheet to put your favourite things to do and the people you can trust
- I enjoyed the visit and I learnt quite a bit of different abuses and different ways of abuse and how to make it better and we watched a video of neglect and they rang the child line and it was made better
- Child line visited our school today, it was thoroughly planned out and I was very impressed with the how it was presented.
- you were great you taught us lots information thankyou
- Child Line has been to my school and they taught me how to recognize if I had been sexual abused, neglect, bullied and more too. However not one of them has happened to me. It has been a good visit.
- Child line has been to our school and It went really well

Benefits

The Schools Service programme can be especially important in creating a safe space for children to discuss their understanding of what can be complex, difficult and sensitive issues. It also safeguards children by supporting them to identify extended sources of support should they need help now or in the future.

The many benefits for schools include the links that the Schools Service programme makes to the PSHE and Citizenship curriculum and to the ethos of safeguarding within the school. The Schools Service also provides evidence for schools in relation to aspects of the OFSTED inspection framework 2012.

Start the conversation in your school!

To start the conversation in your school please contact your local ChildLine area coordinator for Brighton & Hove, East and West Sussex, Amanda Rocca on 07795 475827 or amanda.rocca@nspcc.org.uk. Further information and short films of the service in action are available at the web address below.

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