



Brindishe
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Newsletter

Friday 21st June 2024



protecting
children, supporting
families

Project ADDER - County Lines Training for parents/carers

Project ADDER, detailing County Lines awareness training for parents, run by The Met Police will take place on **Tuesday 9th July at 7:30pm**. This event is open to Lewisham residents to attend.

The training has been organised by the Met's Central Youth Team and will be run in partnership with Iverson Trust. It will give advice to parents/ carers/ professionals on how to spot signs of County Lines, gang affiliation, grooming and exploitation. The input will also include a lived experience speaker who will explain how they themselves or their children, became involved with County Lines and/or exploitation.

The charity offers free long-term support to anyone who needs it or believes their young people have been or are being exploited.

For further information - <https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

Weekly Online Safety Bulletin

Prepare for a Safer Summer

#SaferSummerTogether

From 15th July, CEOP Education will be launching #SaferSummerTogether on social media. Six weeks of tips and activities helping parents and carers to keep their children safer online this summer and beyond.

Look out for their Tip Tuesday and Family Friday posts focused on these weekly themes:

Week 1: online gaming

Week 2: socialising online

Week 3: sharing pictures and videos

Week 4: protecting personal privacy

Week 5: harmful content online

Week 6: getting help



Why not support and follow them on social media this summer?

- Facebook (CEOP Education) and X (@CEOPEducation)
- Follow #SaferSummerTogether
- Share #SaferSummerTogether posts with parents and carers



Right Respecting

World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe.

It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

'Refugee Week' occurs at the same time as World Refugee Day and is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

Article 10 (family reunification)

Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit and keep in contact with both of them.

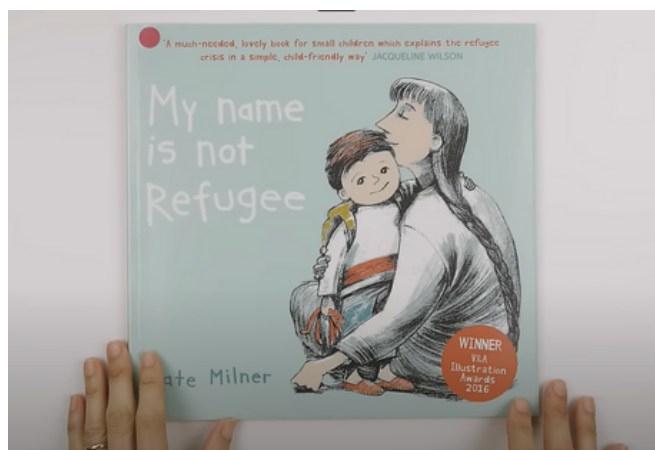
Article 22 (refugee children)

If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

What events may lead to children and their families becoming refugees?

- Natural disasters like floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic activity, snow storms or bushfires.
- Drought or famine which leads to lack of food and water.
- War and conflict.
- Climate change. Changes in weather may affect children's access to food, water and education.
- Discrimination around race, religious beliefs, sex, nationality, or political beliefs.
- Civil unrest in a country making people feel unsafe.
- Poverty or loss of income.
- Family disputes or problems.

Watch or read *My Name is Not Refugee* with your child at home. What would you pack? How would you feel if you had to leave your town?



At Brindishe Schools we talk to the children about their rights related to being kept safe and protected from harm. We make sure they have a special trusted adult and safe space, maybe at home or grandparents.

You might be interested in finding out about an extraordinary art project called Little Amal. Little Amal is a giant puppet – a 3.5 metre-tall living artwork character that represents child refugees, especially those who have been separated from their families. Since July 2021, Amal has travelled over 9,000km in 13 countries and been welcomed by more than a million people on the street, as well as in Lewisham. Her urgent message to the world is, "Don't forget about us." Can you think how you could use puppets or another type of artform to raise awareness of the lives of children forced to be refugees?

Public Health Briefing - Measles

Since 1st October 2023 there has been an increase in measles cases across England. In London, there has been an increase in cases since December 2023, with a very large increase in cases over March and April 2024. The UKHSA has been notified of over 600 cases across London, and over 85% of these were unvaccinated. Ninety cases of measles have been confirmed in South East London.

In readiness for any significant increases in cases locally, we are sending out this update to share some information and resources with you.

Measles

Measles is very infectious and can spread from person to person quickly, especially in education and childcare settings. Little can be done to prevent measles spreading if people are unvaccinated. The MMR vaccination is the most effective way to control the spread of measles. Measles is spread by airborne transmission (for example by droplets which are expelled when someone with the infection sneezes or coughs) and direct contact (for example contact with nose or throat secretions).

Some people are considered very vulnerable to severe measles infection. This includes immunosuppressed people, unvaccinated pregnant women and children under the age of one. Children who get measles can be very unwell and some will suffer life changing complications.

Someone who has measles is considered to be infectious from 4 days before they develop a rash to 4 full days after they develop the rash (onset of rash is day 0). They should therefore not attend the setting on public health grounds until at least 4 days after their rash developed.

If you have any questions for the Council's public health team, please email publichealth@lewisham.gov.uk.

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) provides details on the signs, symptoms and treatment of measles and when to seek medical advice.

[Children and young people settings: tools and resources - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) an exclusion table setting out how long children and young people need to be off school following a period of illness.

Hand hygiene resources for education settings via e-Bug Home (e-bug.eu)

In school to promote hand and respiratory hygiene we ...

- **Supervise and/or encourage children to wash their hands regularly, using paper towels or hand dryers for drying hands (with wastepaper bin provided for disposal of towels).**
- **Remind staff to wash their hands throughout the day.**
- **Encourage good respiratory hygiene, using and disposing of tissues in the bin, followed by hand washing (Catch it, Bin it, Kill it Poster - Infection Prevention Control)**
- **Home (e-bug.eu) has a range of educational resources for ages 3-16 to learn about microbes, infection prevention and control, antibiotics and vaccination.**



Key Federation Dates

- INSET Day - schools closed to all children - **Monday 1st July**
- End of Term - **Thursday 25th July 2024**

Governing Body

If you would like to attend a Brindishe Federation Governing Body meeting, please email our Chair of Governors, Liz Murphy - lmurphy@brindisheschools.org. Our last meeting of this academic year is on ***Tuesday 16th July at 6pm at Brindishe Lee School.***