



Safeguarding and Child Protection During School Closure

Protecting children is **EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!**

School Closure could make some children more vulnerable and more in need of protection.

**We all have a role to play in protecting children and young people.
Many people do not act because they are worried about being wrong.**

You don't have to be certain!

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, Speak to someone!

[Child abuse. If you think it, report it!](#)

Look out for **ABC**

A – appearance: such as unusual injuries or consistently poor hygiene

B – Behaviour: such as being withdrawn, overly anxious, disruptive or self-harming or any other sudden changes in behaviour

C – Communication: such as talking aggressively, using sexual language or becoming secretive

Useful contact numbers:

Devon Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
on **0345 155 1071** or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk
and give as much information as you can.

**If a child is at immediate risk from harm contact Devon and Cornwall Police
on 999.**

NSPCC Helpline Monday to Friday 8.00am to 10.00pm

Weekends 9.00am to 6.00pm

0808 800 5000