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## Welcome to the Safety Scene Autumn 2017...



and to our newest recruit Laura Sim...

As we continue to expand at KAHSC towers, Laura has joined us as our new administrator dealing with invoices, client contracts, accident administration and providing much needed day to day support.

Laura has a background in primary education and health and safety in school having worked previously at Newtown Community Primary School and is also currently a governor at Holme Cultram Abbey CE School.

Laura is a very welcome addition to the team.

## KAHSC Website Member?

In recent weeks your school will have received an e mail which included a list of users on the KAHSC website. As Data Controllers we have a statutory duty to ensure that any data we hold is accurate and that any former employees do not continue to have access to potentially confidential data through our website.

As well as this, if you change your e-mail address and don't tell us, you will stop receiving the weekly document 'Alerts'. Please can you ensure, if you have not done so already, that your list is reviewed and returned to [laura.sim@kymallanhsc.co.uk](mailto:laura.sim@kymallanhsc.co.uk) as soon as possible.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Back by popular demand

*'Making Sense of Safeguarding' Conference*

Thursday 26 April 2018

North Lakes Hotel, Penrith

Further details coming soon...



## Myth



Children at a school have been banned from eating their packed lunches outside allegedly due to health and safety.

This appears to be an approach put in place as part of a wider food policy. It is not a requirement of

health and safety regulations nor central government guidelines on food hygiene or healthy eating. It would be more helpful if the school explained their reasoning more clearly rather than using health and safety as an excuse.

## In court



Contractors at a London primary school were handed penalties of more than £1.5m after failure to consider asbestos survey left workers exposed to harmful fibres.

A workman who was in the process of removing a suspended ceiling as part of a refurbishment project identified suspect asbestos-containing material during his work. An asbestos survey had been carried out, however neither the company appointed to manage the project nor the contractor companies reviewed the survey

in detail before beginning works. On inspection the same materials were found in several areas throughout the school.

The project management company were fined **£370,000 plus costs of £32,365.**

The principal contractor was fined **£500,000 plus costs of £32,365.**

And the subcontractor appointed for asbestos removal were fined **£400,000 plus costs of £175,000.**

## Star Performers



In this issue we would like to offer huge congratulations to **Hindpool Nursery School, Barrow in Furness** and **St James' CE Junior School, Whitehaven** who achieved 99% and 100% respectively in their recent County Council Health and Safety audits. Both had pre-county audits from KAHSC and work incredibly hard to achieve such amazing results.



We would also like to mention **St Gregory & St Patrick's Catholic School, Whitehaven** and **St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Kells** who scored highly in their KAHSC health and Safety audits.

Well done to all involved, it's great to see all of your hard work pay off.

## Terrorism advice for young people



The National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) has launched a safety campaign designed to teach 11-16 year olds how to act if they are caught up in a gun or knife attack.

The campaign teaches children and young people to: RUN if they are able to; HIDE if they are not; and TELL police of the threat only when it is safe to do so.

They are also advised to warn others about an on-going threat, and told not to stop to use their mobile phones until they are safely away from danger.

The first phase of the campaign includes the creation of a Run, Hide, Tell emoji, and a short video. NaCTSO have also teamed up with key partners including the NSPCC, Childline and Educate Against Hate, to help and support parents who are anxious about discussing such a topic with their children.

## Mental Health in Schools



More than half of all adults with mental health problems were diagnosed as a child and it is estimated that 1 in 10 school aged

children suffers from a diagnosable mental health disorder. It is no wonder that the Prime Minister recently described Mental Health as one of the 'greatest social challenges of our time'.

The role that educational settings play in promoting positive mental wellbeing in children and young people is vital to preventing mental illness at a later age. However many

teachers feel ill-equipped to meet the needs of the pupils in their care.

In the Queen's Speech the government pledged to improve mental health services and protect those living with mental health problems. Further information can be found at [www.gov.uk/government/policies/mental-health-service-reform](http://www.gov.uk/government/policies/mental-health-service-reform).

## Secondary school staff to get mental health 'first aid' training

In June 2017 a new programme began, providing secondary school teachers with training to help them identify and respond to the early signs of mental health issues in children.

The 3 year programme is part of the government's pledge to transform the mental health support available. The first year is backed by £200,000 of

government funding and will see 1,000 people trained and will be extended in years 2 and 3 to cover every secondary school in England.

The training will help teachers to deal with issues such as depression, anxiety, suicide, psychosis, self-harm and eating disorders.

## WHIS Kids programme promotes Mental Health Wellbeing in local primary schools



The World Health Innovation Summit (WHIS) holds summits around the world collaborating with communities across the health and care sectors.

The WHIS Kids programme takes place as an in-school six week course which

includes activities for learning about physical and emotional wellbeing using the 'My Way Code' framework. The aim is for children to identify who they are, who they have to support them, how to take responsibility, trust their own judgement and how they can work towards their goals.

The programme is currently tailored to children aged four to 11.

Development is underway for WHISgo which will suit children and young people aged 11+.

So far in Cumbria over 1000 primary school pupils have participated in sessions.

For more information visit [www.whiskids.com](http://www.whiskids.com).

## Personal, social, health & economic education (PSHE) resources for schools



Public Health England (PHE) has published a personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) resource to support secondary school teachers when promoting positive health, wellbeing and resilience among young people aged 11 to 16 in England. The resource, Rise above for schools, covers topics which include:

bullying and cyberbullying, alcohol, positive relationships, smoking, exam stress, online stress, and body image in a digital world.

The resources can be accessed at [www.campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/topics/rise-above](http://www.campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/topics/rise-above)

## CLEAPSS Website changes

Over the last year CLEAPSS have been updating their website in order to provide a more efficient platform for their users. There are now 3 different websites which can be accessed:



**CLEAPSS Primary site –**

[www.primary.cleapss.org.uk](http://www.primary.cleapss.org.uk)

Provides information for primary teachers of science, technology, art and design.

Includes teaching ideas, doing things safely, primary competition and leadership guidance.



**CLEAPSS Science site –**

[www.science.cleapss.org.uk](http://www.science.cleapss.org.uk)

Provides information for science teachers and technicians on all

aspects of secondary science, including Bulletins, HazCards, Practical Procedures etc.



**CLEAPSS Technology site -**

[www.dt.cleapss.org.uk](http://www.dt.cleapss.org.uk)

Provides information for teachers and managers of resistant materials, textiles,

food, art and design and construction. Includes project ideas, model risk assessments, FutureMinds newsletter and management guidance.

The password for accessing these sites remains the same until January 2018 and is available from the KAHSC website.

## Problems with bottles of concentrated nitric acid



CLEAPSS Helpline have received a number of calls about plastic bottles containing concentrated nitric acid which appear to be leaking and/or releasing corrosive/toxic fumes.

All schools are urged to check their stocks of **all** corrosive chemicals.

CLEAPSS have created a range of new documents which may be useful in helping you to manage the storing of chemicals:

**GL246** explains how to safely check your chemicals.

**E233** helps you manage your stocks of chemicals.

**GL247** discusses the issues around the shelf-life of chemicals.

**GL251** is a step-by-step guide on how to decant nitric acid, and is supported by a video.

**GL252** provides guidance on what type of bottle and caps to use to store nitric acid.

All of these documents are available to download from the KAHSC website.

## Coming Soon...

In preparation for the new General Data Protection Regulations in May 2018, we will be running a number of twilight sessions around Cumbria early in the Spring Term.

Further details to be announced soon...

*Merry Christmas*

*And finally... all of the team at Kym Allan Safeguarding, Health & Safety Consultants Ltd. would like to wish our customers, colleagues and friends a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2018!*