

**New ChildLine School Service is free to all Primary Schools in Stoke-on-Trent.
Is your primary school taking advantage of the expertise of ChildLine?**

We spend a lot of time in schools, equipping staff with the knowledge and skills to keep children safe. It is vitally important that alongside this, we are also working with our children to ensure that they are able to keep themselves safe.

ChildLine is launching a brand new service for primary age children across the UK, including Stoke-on-Trent, which aims to help younger children recognise and protect themselves from all forms of abuse – including bullying.

The innovative new ChildLine Schools Service will particularly focus on 7 to 11 year olds, and aims to help them understand what abuse is, how to protect themselves and how to seek help if they need it – including through ChildLine.

Research undertaken by the NSPCC shows that the majority of children who contact ChildLine for advice, information and support are over 11 years old. However we know that the majority of children on a child protection plan are under the age of 11 and it may be more difficult for them to speak up.

The ChildLine Schools Service wants to educate children earlier and ensure they know how to keep themselves safe or seek help if they need it.

Volunteers will be central to the delivery of this exciting new service. They will be trained to deliver safeguarding assemblies and interactive workshops in primary schools. All materials will be provided and volunteers will be given regular training and support.

By 2016 ChildLine aims to visit every primary school in the UK at least every two years.

To find out more about the new ChildLine Schools Service please visit www.nspcc.org.uk/schoolsservice or contact the Area Coordinator, Stephanie Lively on 07815 522797, stephanie.lively@nspcc.org.uk