



Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcoming children back at school after the holidays. We hope that you had a great time and enjoyed the togetherness over Bank Holiday weekend.

We would like to use this opportunity to remind you about the ways you can contact us:

School

Telephone number: 01384 818945

Email: info@pens-meadow.dudley.sch.uk

Safeguarding

Email: safeguarding@pens-meadow.dudley.sch.uk

Family Outreach Team

Sue: 07966995631

Sally: 07773959823

School Nursing Team

Telephone number: 01384 818945

Natalie: 07580787861

Please, do not hesitate. We're here to help.

Online safety

5Rights Foundation has published a new report on the design of digital products and services that are used by children. The report looks at the impact of persuasive design on children's social, mental and physical development and discusses prioritising children's rights.

Read the report: [Disrupted childhood: the cost of persuasive design \(2023\)](#)

Police strip searches

The Children's Commissioner for England has published an analysis of strip searches of children conducted by police under their stop and search powers across England and Wales. Findings include: 2,847 8- to 17-year-olds were strip searched under stop and search between 2018 and mid-2022; 95% of those searched were boys; 38% of children searched were black; and 52% of searches happened without an appropriate adult confirmed to be present. Recommendations include: strengthen national guidelines for strip searching; improve data to drive transparency and accountability; and improve practice and compliance in all police forces.

Read the report: [Strip search of children in England and Wales](#)

Parental mental health

The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) has published a new podcast episode on parental mental health. The episode looks at: how prevalent parental mental illness is; provision of services for affected families; and recommendations for policymakers.

Listen to the podcast: [The PRIMERA project – parental mental health and family-focused interventions](#)