

## **Safeguarding Snapshot – 17.05.24**

### **Talking to Your Children about a Violent Incident**

It is a tragic fact of life that our children might witness violent incidents either first hand or through the news and social media.

For children and young people, particularly teenagers, the emergence of regular violence in their surroundings can be an unpleasant lesson in a world that for them may be largely innocent. As adults, we know and accept that dangerous events occur, we take precautions if it's in our area or may simply ignore it if it's a distant danger.

For pupils though, the level of personal growth required to be comfortable with the risks associated with such dangers, may not be present. This can make bridging the gap between you and a child difficult. The City of Westminster currently has a six page pamphlet on how to address this issue, when talking with children and young people [[click here](#)].