



PSHE Education

STOKE-ON-TRENT & STAFFORDSHIRE

ISRAEL-HAMAS CONFLICT - SPECIAL

WHY?

Whilst PSHE education should follow a planned programme, we recognise that PSHE and Citizenship provide the space and opportunities that can provide timely support for children and young people when things are happening in our world that are difficult and upsetting.

You will have already received a [letter](#) from the Secretary of State for Education, Gillian Keegan, Minister for Schools, Nick Gibb and Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education, Robert Halfon to provide advice to schools and colleges about the terrorist attacks in Israel. The Home Office has also provided [guidance](#) for education settings in how to respond to potentially radical comments being made.

We wanted to provide further advice and resources that we have sourced, and are grateful to Stoke-on-Trent City Council's Community Cohesion Team for their support in sharing some of the resources below.

BEST PRACTICE - SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

It is important that we create a safe learning environment to support children and young people to engage with the news safely. [Our best practice guidance document](#) provides advice on how to create and maintain a safe learning environment in the classroom to help children and young people to engage effectively.

RESOURCES

As with all our resources, please check the suitability for your own setting before using them.

- [Solutions Not Slides](#) – Lesson plans and guidance for teachers specifically on the Israel-Hamas conflict.
- [British Red Cross](#) – Resources that explore the impact of conflict and help children and young people to understand the laws which help to protect people in conflict zones.
- [Educate Against Hate](#) – Recommended by the Department for Education
- [Extremism & PSHE](#) – For professionals delivering PSHE and shows the links between extremism and the curriculum, develops subject knowledge around extremism including definitions and information about the Prevent Duty to enable professionals to deliver sessions confidently and competently.
- [Pan-Staffordshire PSHE Education Service and USAH](#) – Spiral curriculum on Hate Crime, one lesson per Key Stage that explores Hate Crime can be found in the resource library under Similarities and Differences (prejudice and discrimination) – sign up to the resource library is required, this is free and gives access to hundreds of resources.

MANAGING EMOTIONS

[Action for Children](#) is the commissioned provider for Staffordshire and provide funded workshops for schools across the county to help children and young people to manage their emotions.

[Stay Well – Changes YP](#) is the commissioned provider for Stoke-on-Trent and provide funded workshops for schools across the county to help children and young people to manage their emotions.

[The Guardian Foundation](#) has a PSHE Association Quality Assured, lesson plan on Managing Feelings about the News. This is suitable for 7-11 years old.

TRAINING

NewWise are running free online webinars on:

- [Talking about the news and supporting children's wellbeing](#) on 14th November 4.15-5.15pm
- [How to teach news: transform your classroom into a newsroom!](#) on 21st November 4.15-5.15pm.

PARENTS AND CARERS

[The Guardian Foundation](#) has produced guidance for families about how to manage feelings about the news. The Independent published an [article](#) on Israel-Hamas conflict: How to talk to teenagers about distressing news stories.

Beacon House has produced a [resource](#) for adults supporting a child or teenager to digest the impact of war and conflict on them as individuals, on communities and on the world.

ITV news has published an [article](#) "How to talk to children about the Israel-Hamas conflict, according to experts including a short video by Save the Children.

All of these links can be found on our [Parents & Carers page](#) of our website.

AGE APPROPRIATE NEWS SOURCES

The following news sites provide stories on current affairs in an age appropriate way, not just on this topic but in general.

- [Newsround](#) – Ricky Boleto has provided a [short video](#) for parent/carers and professionals about the way in which Newsround covers the Israel-Hamas conflict.
- [First News Live](#) – free weekly news broadcast presented by young people made by Sky News and First News
- [Topical Talk](#) – provided by The Economist Educational Foundation, provides free classroom resources for weekly discussions about the news.
- [Twinkl Newsroom](#) – delivers a trusted feed of news for children, including the latest headlines, classroom-friendly reports, and ready-to-use curriculum-friendly resources.