



1st October 2026 - Message from West Midlands Police

Abandoned and Derelict Buildings

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're asking parents and carers to remind their children of the dangers that abandoned and derelict buildings pose.

We've received reports of people entering these building and causing damage. While these buildings may seem a fun and interesting place to explore or film in, they present a real risk to safety.

These building can be structurally unsafe, with the risk of the roof, walls and floor collapsing. There can be exposed electrical wiring and hidden shafts and well. Hazardous materials, broken glass and sharp objects can also pose further risk.

Entering these buildings without permission is illegal. It could lead to action taken due to trespassing, criminal damage or burglary. Those found entering could face police action and prosecution, which could impact their futures lives.

We've received reports of young people entering the buildings. So please speak with your children about the dangers of entering abandoned buildings. What may seem like harmless fun could lead to injury, or worse.

We're working with the owners of buildings to maximise security at the sites and ask for everyone's support.

By working together, we can help keep our young people safe and prevent serious injury or harm.

Thank you for your continued support.

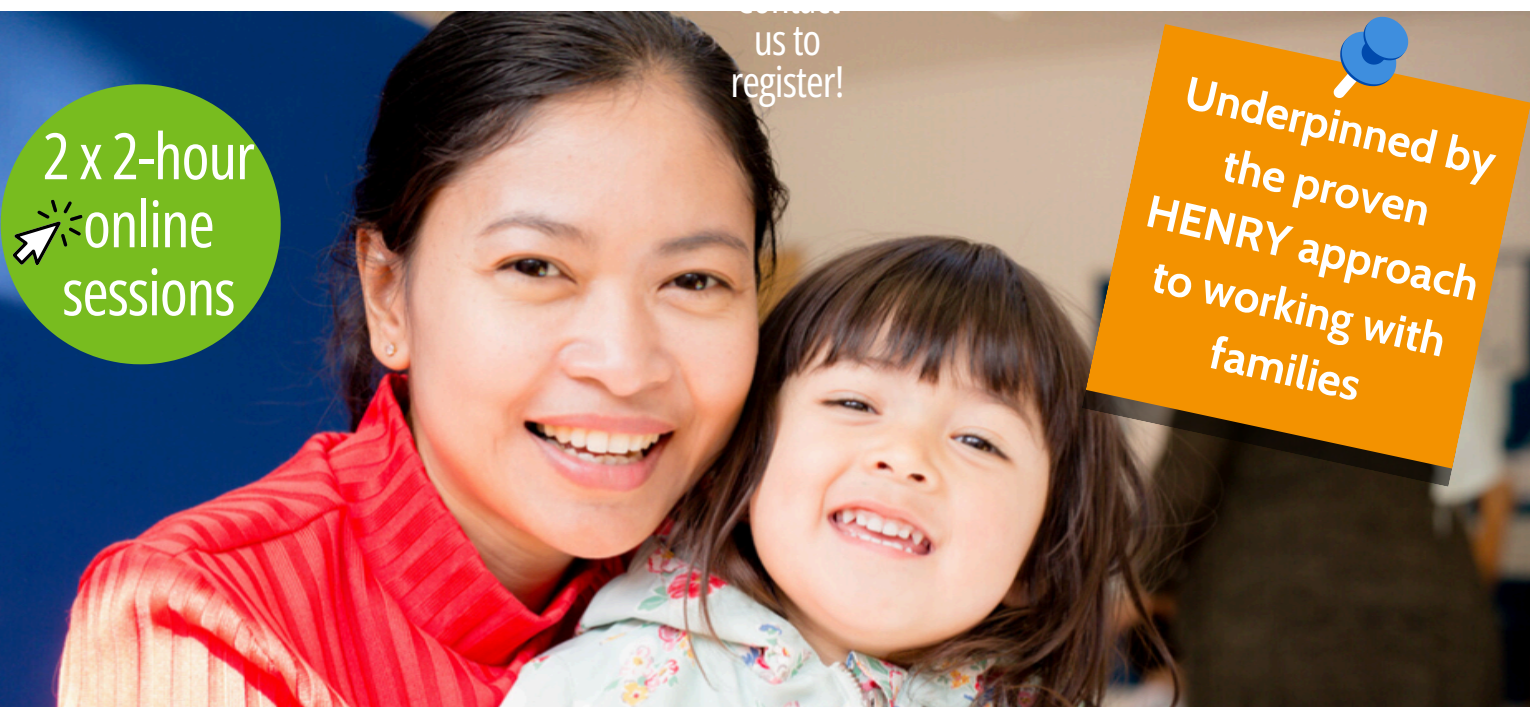
Yours sincerely

Walsall Local Policing Area
West Midlands Police



Raise, Engage, Refer Training

Develop confidence raising lifestyle issues and understanding of how HENRY can benefit families



This course is designed to boost referrals into local HENRY programmes. It is suitable for a wide range of practitioners such as health and early years practitioners, school nurses and more

“ I finally feel like I know how to have this conversation with parents! It will make such a difference for them and their children. ”

Practitioners will:

- Develop skills and confidence to raise sensitive lifestyle issues with families
- Gain understanding of the local HENRY offer and the ways families could benefit
- Understand the local process for requesting support for families
- Understand why what happens in childhood is so vital for lifelong health and wellbeing
- Develop skills to build parental motivation to access HENRY support



98 % rate the course good or excellent
% feel more confident to raise lifestyle issues

Walsall 0-5 Timetable of Activities & Events



Best Start Family Hubs are here to walk alongside you on your parenting journey, offering a one stop shop for any support you may need.

We've got a fantastic line-up of free activities taking place across Walsall. You can also access simple, practical resources to help support your child's development at home. Let's make this season one of connection, creativity, and community. We can't wait to welcome you!

Website: [Walsall Family Hubs](#)

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Walsall Families in the Know



Walsall Council



Walsall Family Hubs