

Safeguarding Newsletter

What is Safeguarding?

The education sector has a duty of care for children, young people or vulnerable adults to ensure that those under their care are protected from harm inside and outside of their institutions. Safeguarding is the term used to describe the measures put in place to ensure the protection of health, wellbeing and human rights of individuals under their care.

What we do in school?

Safeguarding the health and well-being of the children is our number one priority

- A whole school ethos of safeguarding including strong leadership. We have created a culture where safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- Policies and procedures including but not limited to:
 - Safeguarding / Child Protection policy.
 - Behaviour policy.
 - Staff Behaviour policy / code of conduct.
 - Health and Safety policy.
 - Safer Recruitment policy.
- All staff have a DBS certificate
- High-quality training that ensures all school staff know what to do including first aid.
- Implementing the policies, procedures and training consistently across the school.
- Working in partnership with children, their families and carers and outside agencies.
- Yearly checks on all resources by outside agencies
- Regular Health and Safety reviews

The Safeguarding Team

The Safeguarding Team is:

Daniel Webster - Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Safeguarding Topics

Each term the newsletter will give you information about safeguarding topics that could affect you child.

The topic covered in the this terms newsletter are:

- Social Media
- Home or out alone guide
- Gaming

Social Media

Most social media has an age limit which is older than a primary school child, however we know that children as young as 5 are accessing videos and content. Below is advice and links to support you keeping your child safe in social media.

There are lots of benefits to social networking. Children can stay connected to friends and family. They can also learn many different things, from make-up or gaming tutorials to making slime, or how to create their own videos.

Like most things, there can be negatives too. For children and young people there are risks that you should be aware of, to help keep your child safe on social media.

Follow the this [link](#) to find out how to stay safe in social media

Home or out alone

There's no legal age limit for a child to stay home or go out alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk. Every child is different, so it's up to you to decide whether they're ready. But there are a few key things to know, that should help you make your decision.

The first thing you might think about is their age and maturity.

- Do you think they're old enough?
- How long could they cope on their own?

- Remember, for a younger child half an hour can feel like a long time.
- Can they deal with risks?
- Will they behave responsibly?
- Will they be safe?
- Perhaps most importantly, how does your child feel about this idea?

Some children like to take every opportunity to show they can be grown up, they might be really keen to be left 'in charge'. Others will feel nervous about the responsibility.

The NSPCC have produced a guide to support adults - [Link](#)

Gaming

Online games can be a great way for children and young people to keep busy and stay in touch with friends and family, but it's important that they play safely.

- Things to consider if your child games online:
- age ratings of games they play
- messaging and contact functions on the games
- in-game purchases
- trolling and scams
- how to report problems
- where they can get further support.

Also, if you have more than one child in your home, be aware that games suitable for one child to play or watch, may not be suitable for another.

Further advice can be found [here](#).

If you have any concerns about the well-being of a child, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team. If you have concerns about the safety and well-being of children and are unable to speak to someone in school—for example, during a holiday—please call the police

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

