



Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Oswald's C. E. Primary School

February 2024

Coming up in this issue; safer Internet day, Attendance, Staying safe at Shrovetide

Safeguarding and child protection is the most important issue for our children and young people. At St Oswald's we feel it is crucial to work with our parents and the agencies that support schools and young people so that we can offer a safe environment allowing children to be aware of the risks they may face and how to respond to them safely.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility and we take the approach 'It could Happen Here.'

Keeping Children safe in Education 2023 (KCSiE) reminds us that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility.

Here are some examples coming this term that you can discuss with your child;

- NSPCC Campaign Speak Out Stay Safe.
- Safer Internet Day,
- Regular Attendance in school
- Good Hygiene to keep germs at bay.
- Shrovetide safety



Germs and bugs are spreading through the school.

Please encourage and support your child with general hygiene practices; washing their hands after going to the toilet particularly under the fingernails. Using soap and hot water.

Use tissues to cough into and blow their nose. Once used encourage them to put in the bin provided.

Useful Vocabulary &

Acronyms

DSL; Designated safeguarding Lead

PREVENT; Part of the Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism

LADO; Local Authority Designated Officer who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues

CEOP; Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre

National Online Safety; Online training and support for families about all things online

KCSiE; Keeping Children Safe in Education- this is available on the schools website within their safeguarding pages.

Who's who at St Oswald's

Mrs Wood is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mrs Mansfield is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

Mrs Mansfield; SENDCO

Mrs Wood; Online safety Lead

Safeguarding Governors; Siobhan Revie and Phil Lamb

If you are concerned about anything then please contact Mrs Wood the DSL or use the 'My Voice' Platform to share your concerns.



If you believe that a child or an adult is at immediate risk of harm and in need of protection then you should call the Police - 999 straight away.

Keeping Safe Online



Safer Internet day takes place on 6th February 2024.

The theme for this year is; Inspiring Change? making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.

Safer Internet day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue of theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. This year it includes;

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology.
- Using the internet to make change for the better.
- The changes young people want to see online
- The thing that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online.

<https://youtu.be/SD5KW6dqnv0?si=IGnfoNxbDJF8k4v6> this short video is a useful watch.

Things change so fast online, it's hard to keep up with what my child is doing

Staying up to date with what children are doing online can feel like a challenge sometimes. However, you don't have to be an expert in every new app or service. Simply having conversations with your children about their lives online, and what to do if they need help or something goes wrong, is what's most important. Here are a few simple steps you can take to help bridge the gap

Talk little and often

Having a regular open dialogue with your children about their favourite apps, the games they enjoy, and their online friends, will help create an environment where chatting about online experiences becomes a normal part of family life.

Stay proactive

As a result of discussions with your children about their online activities, take time to research the apps they're using, the accounts or channels they're following, and the games they're playing, to get a better idea of what they're experiencing and what your thoughts are towards it.

Seek support

Knowing where to get help is essential. Each app or platform will have its own safety guidelines and reporting features, and having knowledge of how to use these will ensure you can make a report, seek help, and support your child to get the best out of the services they're using.

Useful Vocabulary &

Acronyms

CAMH's; Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

My Concern; Safeguarding record System (Safeguarding and child protection software for schools used at St Oswald's)

EHA; Early Help Assessment

SEND; Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

We have a wealth of information on our Safeguarding Pages on our school website which includes sign posting, important documents and contact details.

<https://www.stoswaldsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=10>

If you believe that any child is in danger ring Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 or Starting Point on 01629 535353 choosing the option for urgent child protection calls at any time.

You can also contact.



Keeping Safe During Shrovetide



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Road Safety

The roads close to school become particularly busy and congested at the start and end of the school day. We would encourage all parents/cares to walk to school if possible.

Further support for this can be found at the Think campaign- <https://www.think.gov.uk/> This is run by the Department for transport and has a wealth of resources.

There is a fun Safety Video age 3-6 <https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/crossing-roads/>

Think Road safety Videos age 7-12 <https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/first-journeys/> and <https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/expect-the-unexpected/>

Please stay safe during Shrovetide.

If you are observing and following the game remember to stay with your families- Your Mum or your Dad.

Be watchful- look out for when and where the hug is going.

If you get split up look for a member of the committee who will be wearing a Hi-vis jacket.

When there is water play- stay away from the edge and stand back from the river banks.



Wrap up warm- wear warm clothes and sensible shoes.

Remember Safeguarding is
Everyone's Business!

Water Safety

Following on from the increased rainfall locally please keep an eye out for fast moving water.

The Royal Life Saving Society UK report that drowning is the third highest cause of accidental death of children in the UK and that a person can drown in as little as 2cm of water.

The water safety code: Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

The dangers of water include:

- it is very cold
- there may be hidden currents
- it can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)
- it can be deep
- there may be hidden rubbish, for example shopping trolleys, broken glass
- there are no lifeguards
- it is difficult to estimate depth
- it may be polluted and may make you ill

Please visit the following websites to help inform your family and keep them safe

<https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/water-safety-code>

Attendance

Why is good attendance important?

Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school, and to establish positive life habits that are necessary for future success. Through regular attendance, pupils can:

- Build friendships and develop social groups.
- Develop life skills. • Engage in essential learning and other school social events.
- Achieve to their full potential.
- Minimise the risk of engaging in anti-social behaviour and becoming victims or perpetrators of crime.

All parents should promote good attendance and work in partnership with their child's school to promote a cohesive response

Early Help – providing support as soon as needs emerge for a child or family.

Persistent Absence (PA) is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below. If you are struggling with getting your child to school or are finding it difficult getting them to school on time we can help. Mrs Wood can support and help.

Can my child ever be absent?

When a pupil is absent from school, this will be classified as either 'authorised' or 'unauthorised'. The governing board and headteacher decide which absences are granted as authorised. Authorised absences are only permitted for valid reasons such as:

- Illness.
- Medical or dental appointments.
- Religious observances.
- Family bereavement.

Wherever possible, parents should always try to arrange medical and dental appointments during school holidays or after school hours

What are unauthorised absences?

Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider essential or reasonable.

Unauthorised absences can include:

- Forgetting school term dates.
- Oversleeping.
- Absences which have not been explained.
- Arriving at school after the register has closed.
- Leaving school for no reason during the day.
- Truancy before or during the school day.
- Keeping pupils off school unnecessarily or without explanation.
- Day trips or family outings.
- Problems with uniform/clothing.
- Birthdays and holidays

Parents must not book holidays during term time, regardless of the reason. We appreciate the impact this has during financially difficult times. We also acknowledge parental annual working patterns and the positive impact of spending time together as a family. It is our statutory duty, and parent's legal responsibility to ensure regular attendance at school and we must ask that school attendance is a priority.

Term Dates for the year ahead can be found on the school website. Holidays, weddings and parental appointments will not be authorised. School will action the Attendance policy for absence fully. Please work with us to ensure that your child has every opportunity to take advantage of education available at St Oswald's

