

SAFEGUARDING - SPRING 2024



The Safeguarding Team would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter Break!

I am sure during the break many of the children will spend time online so it is a good opportunity to give some thought as to how we can all support them to stay safe in the virtual world whilst having fun – take a look at the information in this newsletter and our online safety information on the school website.

This half term we have promoted some important events to support the children's resilience, mental health and ability to keep themselves safe.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – 5-11 FEBRUARY

Launched in 2015 Children's Mental Health Week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK and this year's theme was 'My Voice Matters'

1 in 6 children now have a diagnosable mental health condition. By taking part in Children's Mental Health Week, we help to ensure that children and young people across the UK feel listened to and know that they're not alone.

Did you know?

In the average primary school class, at least two children have suffered abuse to neglect which is why the NSPCC have developed the 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' programme which empowers staff to tackle difficult topics with their pupils and helps children understand:

- Abuse in all its forms and the signs of abuse
- Abuse is never a child's fault
- Sources of help available to them, including Childline.



Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme far-right wing and extreme Islamist groups.

The Prevent Strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children; it is also about teaching children the British Values: the Rule of Law, Democracy, Individual Liberty, Tolerance and Mutual respect. Click here to find out more about how we do this in school: information:

<https://levett.doncaster.sch.uk/admin/resources/british-values-policy-2023.pdf>

<https://levett.doncaster.sch.uk/admin/resources/primary-relationship-and-health-education-policy-22.pdf>

As part of staff training in April all staff will complete the latest PREVENT training in line with the updated guidance and information from the government

SAFER INTERNET DAY TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

Children should feel safe at all times. This includes when they are online.

We have an E-Safety Policy, which is regularly reviewed and updated. Staying safe in the virtual world is regularly discussed in class and in assemblies to further promote the importance of this.

We regularly email and text links to posters to offer advice and support and helpful tips for increasing safety in the home. These posters provide information on filters, time limits and safety settings various apps and devices as well as some of the risks of social media platforms that parents may not be aware of.



WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999.

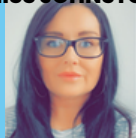
Meet the Designated Safeguarding Team:

The Safeguarding Team oversee and coordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.

MISS KELLY

MISS JOHNSTON

MISS SHORT



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Online Safety For Parents & Carers



Provided by a specialist from Education Child Protection Ltd.

What is covered in the session?



What children are taught about online safety (specific to their age)



Latest trends of what children are doing online



Details of the current 'apps' & games that children are using & playing



The issues & dangers children face online



How we can make children safer online



Details of what support is available for you & your family

