



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

November 2023

Coming up in this issue; Anti Bullying, Fire Safety, Road Safety, Anxiety and Mental Health.

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;

- Safeguarding Awareness assemblies covering the following topics; Fire Safety/Bonfire Safety, Road Safety, Anti Bullying Week, Children in Need, Water Safety.
- Religious education lessons reinforce the messages of tolerance and respect for others as well as Remembrance.
- RSHE lessons supporting with safe relationships.
- Year 6 will be visiting the War Rooms, Westminster Abbey and potentially Parliament to reflect on democracy, Rule of Law and equality.
- Online safety messages.
- Engagement with Protective Characteristics within the curriculum

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.

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 Online



Watching Videos- You Tube

Entertainment for families no longer means sitting in front of the television, watching appropriate programming at set times of the day. Now there are multiple ways to watch your favourite shows, including online. One of the most popular ways is through You Tube. When used safely and responsibly, You Tube provides a wealth of opportunities for children to learn, be entertained, be creative and play. However with so much content available some content can cause concern.

For Primary Aged Children we would recommend using You Tube Kids- this is a separate app for children under 13 which allows a safer and simpler experience for them to explore. The app also as a parent supervised experience to help guide your kids on their journey. Check out

https://www.youtube.com/intl/ALL_uk/kids/parent-resources/ for more information.

Here are Internet Matters You Tubing Tips

- Have regular conversations with your children about their on and offline activities and know where and how they can get help if they see something that upsets them.
- Does your child have a You Tube Channel? If yes do you watch their videos? Do you know what they are posting?
- Watch and enjoy You Tube shows together with your child to help them make sense of themes they don't understand and gauge what content will be beneficial for their overall wellbeing.

For more information follow the link below

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/what-is-the-best-way-to-use-parental-controls-to-protect-my-child-online/>

Supervise their online activity: Keep device your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone such as the bedroom or bathroom.

Make sure they know where to go for support: Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online to make them feel worried or upset.

Anti Bullying



Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

<https://youtu.be/kfzr4e-shc8> Please watch the video here for more information.

We have created a Child Friendly Policy to support our children in school, this is shared widely with the children, staff and Governors.

This can be found on our dedicated page on the school website. Click here to find out more!

<https://www.stoswaldsschool.co.uk/page/?title=Anti%2DBullying%2D+STOP&pid=117>

We support the Anti-Bullying Alliance call to action:

- Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.
- Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach.
- And it doesn't stop with young people. From teachers to parents and influencers to politicians, we all have a responsibility to help each other reach out. Together, let's be the change we want to see. Reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples and create kinder communities.
- It takes courage, but it can change lives. So, this Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together and reach out to stop bullying.



St Oswald's C.E. Primary School Child Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy

St Oswald's is a place where everyone has the right to be themselves.
It's a place where everyone can feel safe, be happy and learn.
Everyone at St Oswald's is included and acts with respect and kindness towards each other.
Our school takes bullying very seriously.

What is bullying?

Bullying is when a person is hurtful or unkind to someone else on purpose and usually more than once. Bullying can be done by one person or by a group of people. A useful way to remember bullying is:

**SEVERAL
TIMES ON
PURPOSE**

Bullying can be:

- *Hitting or saying you are going to hit someone.
- *Touching someone when they don't want you to.
- *Calling someone names, teasing, using rude language or saying nasty things about someone to them or to other people.
- *Stealing or damaging someone else's belongings.
- *Ignoring someone on purpose or leaving them out.
- *Sending hurtful or unkind messages.

What should I do if I'm being bullied?

If you are being bullied it is important to tell someone you trust. Tell an adult or friend, either at school or at home.

You can:

- *Tell a teacher
- *Ignore them and walk away
- *Tell them to stop
- *Tell a friend you trust
- *Tell any other adult in school
- *Tell an adult at home

**START
TELLING
OTHER
PEOPLE**

Don't:

- *Take your own action
- *Get angry
- *Ask someone to hurt them back
- *Do anything they ask you to that you are unhappy with

At St Oswald's Mrs Wood, staff and governors will try to make sure that all pupils are happy and comfortable in our school. If you feel unhappy about any part of school, then you must let us know.

We will:

Always listen to you



Find out what has been happening



Do everything we can to sort it out and keep you safe!



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Keeping Safe in the Community

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. If not we would urge you to park away from the immediate vicinity and walk a shorter distance to school. Road Safety week takes place from November 19th to November 25th. During this week we will be teaching the children about Road Safety.

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/>

Fire Safety

Staying Safe with Fireworks. Fireworks can create a spectacularly colourful evening but if safety advice is not followed fun celebrations can soon turn into disaster. Whilst Derbyshire Fire and rescue service <https://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk/> recommends that people should consider attending an organised event many people choose to hold their own private bonfire party at home. A few simple precautionary safety measures can help ensure that everyone stays safe and can enjoy the celebrations without injury or harm.

Here is information about the Firework Code <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/the-firework-code>



**Remember Safeguarding is
Everyone's Business!**

Water Safety

Following on from the floods 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>

