

Safeguarding Newsletter



Autumn Term 2020

Welcome to this term's Safeguarding Newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to communicate key information to parents concerning safeguarding and how as a school we aim to keep you informed to actively promote the safeguarding and welfare of all our pupils.

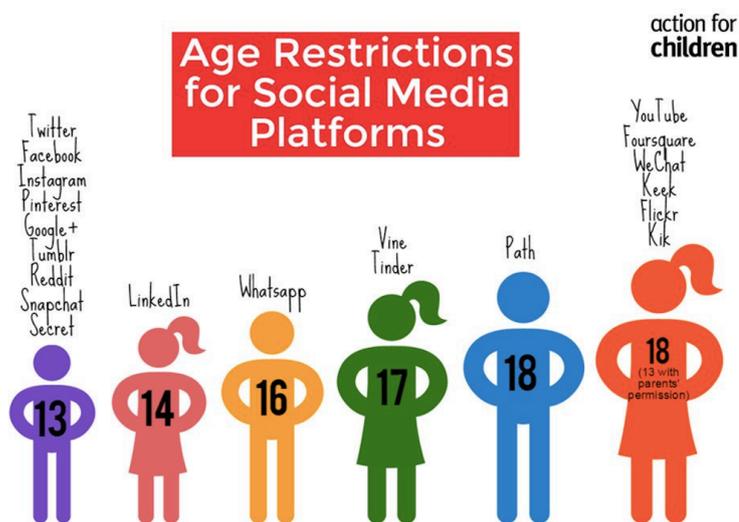
Keeping your child safe online.

Online Safety

Whilst there are huge benefits to being online in order to stay connected to family and friends, many parents may feel concerned about the activities and content their children are accessing. There is a great deal of guidance available about how to help keep your children safe. We use the guides from <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides> in our Friday News each week - this site is constantly being updated and, whatever your question, concern, app or game, there will almost certainly be a guide which can help.

Despite all the information available and the focus on internet safety at school, we still often have to deal with situations which have happened online outside of school. These almost invariably involve children accessing apps and games whose age limit is above their own. Please can we ask for your help again in ensuring that you monitor your child's online activity and are familiar with the apps etc that they use by, for example, reading the guides suggested above. Thank you.

Useful websites to help keep your child safe online.



<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<https://www.common sense media.org>

Concerned about someone your child is in contact with?

If you're concerned that your child might be being groomed you should seek support. You can contact your local police, children's social care department or [report directly to CEOP](#).

If you want to discuss your concerns with someone, call the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 or [visit their website](#).

If you believe your child is at immediate risk, call the police on 999.

What is the role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead?

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) has a crucial role in taking lead responsibility for child protection issues in school. DSLs must be senior members of the school's leadership team, and at Alverton School Mr Higgs is the DSL and Mrs Wicks is the Deputy DSL. They are supported by Mrs Clemens, Mr Dawe, Mrs Daylak, Mrs Hall, Mrs Hughes, Mrs O'Neill and Mrs O'Rourke who have all received additional safeguarding training.

The DSL or Deputy DSL (or one of the safeguarding team) is always available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns. Staff can also contact the DSL by telephone or email outside school hours.

DSLs are trained to take on this role and that training is updated every two years with additional updates to knowledge and skills in between.

The DSL has many responsibilities including working with staff and agencies involved in safeguarding children, working with parents and families, giving advice to staff, training staff and ensuring all staff are confident in knowing what to do and where to go if they have concerns, passing these onto the correct body if necessary. DSLs manage the records of safeguarding and child protection concerns as well as promoting awareness of safeguarding to children, staff, the governing body and parents.

Make Yourself Heard

In danger, need the police, but can't speak?

- 1 Dial 999
- 2 Listen to the questions from the 999 operator
- 3 Respond by coughing or tapping the handset if you can
- 4 If prompted, press **55**
This lets the 999 call operator know it's a genuine emergency and you'll be put through to the police.

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WCWAid

West Cornwall Women's Aid

01736 367539

<https://www.wcwaid.co.uk/>

**NATIONAL DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE HELPLINE
0808 2000 247
24/7 CONFIDENTIAL
FREEPHONE**

Who can I talk to if I am worried about a child?

If you see it, hear it or know about it - report it!

This could be a child being neglected or any other kind of abuse.

Remember - safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Mr Higgs is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Alverton School and **Mrs Wicks** is the Deputy DSL. They will always be willing to listen to any concerns you may have.

If they are not available, Mrs Clemens, Mr Dawe, Mrs Daylak, Mrs Hall, Mrs Hughes, Mrs O'Neill and Mrs O'Rourke have all received additional safeguarding training and will be able to help you.

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NSPCC 
HELPLINE
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

ChildLine
0800 1111 