

Safeguarding Newsletter



Autumn Term 2019

Welcome to our second 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.



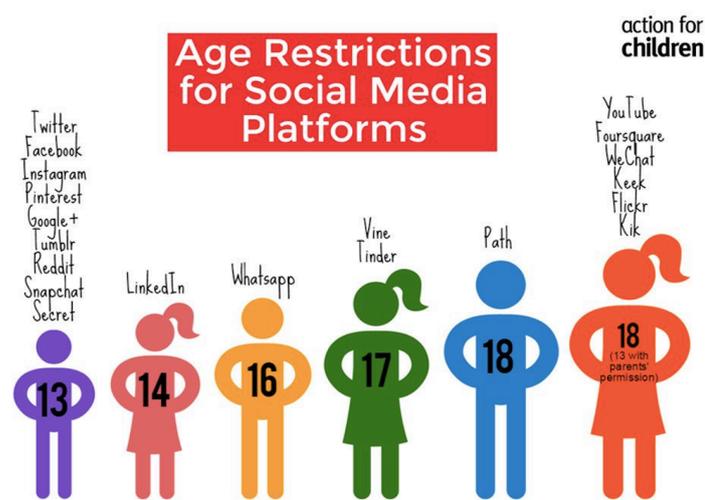
End of School Arrangements

We have been asked to clarify collection arrangements for our Key Stage 1 and EYFS parents as, from time-to-time, relatives or parents of other children etc come along to collect the children and we haven't previously been advised that this will happen.

If your Key Stage 1 child is being collected by someone different on any day, please let the office know or send in a note with your child in the morning to give to their teacher. Alternatively, one of the staff on the door in the morning would be happy to pass on a message.

Reception parents, who see their child's teacher every morning, should continue to pass on this information to them. If this changes during the day, please phone the office on 01736 364087 who will let the Reception team know.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms



Useful websites to help you keep your child safe online.

<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>

Road safety

Thank you to everybody who continues to work together for the safety of our children on the way to and from school and who parks a little away from the school and walks some (or all) of the way.

A new Traffic Regulation Order came into effect in September 2018, making it an offence to stop or park on the zig-zag markings around a school at any time, even to drop off or pick up passengers. The zones are marked off to keep the space outside of schools free from parked vehicles so that children can be seen more easily when crossing the road. They also help to provide a clear field of vision for other vulnerable road users when they are crossing the road.

From time to time, parents raise concerns with us about cars which have been illegally parked, for example on the yellow zigzags outside of the school and which may endanger children and pedestrians arriving at and leaving school. We would advise anyone who does have such concerns that Cornwall Council has a number you can call to report such incidents (0300 1234 222) and a webpage with further information, including an incident report form <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/parking/parking-fines-and-enforcement/>.



Show
YOU care
Please park
elsewhere



Autumn Safety

Children are being exploited by gangs involved in drug crime. Know the signs to spot.

County lines gangs use children and vulnerable people to courier drugs and money. A young person who is involved in county lines activity might exhibit some of these signs:

 Persistently going missing from school or home, or being found out-of-area	 Unexplained acquisition of money, clothes or mobile phones	 Excessive receipt of texts or phone calls	 Relationships with controlling, older individuals or gang association	 Leaving home or care without explanation
 Suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries	 Parental concerns	 Significant decline in school performance	 Significant changes in emotional well-being	

If you have concerns, follow your safeguarding procedures and share your concerns with local authority social care services.



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Halloween

If you are going "trick or treating", please respect and consider others. The Top Tips below help to keep children safe.



Do ...

- Cross roads safely
- Go with an adult
- Dress to be seen
- Respect others

Don't ...

- Go alone
- Go in houses
- Wear fancy dress near candles or flames



Bonfire Night

- Fireworks are safe if you use them properly.
- Only buy fireworks with the correct safety codes on the box.
- Children need to know that fireworks can be dangerous.
- Each year, over half of all firework injuries are suffered by children.
- Sparklers should never be given to a child under 5 - they get five times hotter than cooking oil!

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.

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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0300 123 1116

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0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

ChildLine
0800 1111 