

Safeguarding Newsletter



Spring Term 2023

At Alverton Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and of utmost priority.

The aim of our termly safeguarding 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. We try to have a different focus each term to provide information that is helpful for our parents about situations that their children might face now or in the future.

You can find further safeguarding information in the Safeguarding section of our website, including all our previous Safeguarding newsletters which contain a range of safeguarding information.

<http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/safeguarding/85998> and http://www.alverton.org.uk/web/staying_safe_online_-_who_can_help/550827

Coerced Online Child Sexual Abuse - Help for Parents

The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) report that more than a quarter of girls who took part in their survey have had some kind of experience of receiving a request for nude or semi-nude photos or videos.

Children can be groomed, coerced or encouraged into sexual activities online and any child with unsupervised access to the internet is potentially at risk.

To help parents understand this difficult topic and talk to their children, the UKSIC has produced a checklist and resources about online sexual abuse.

Please have a look at the following webpage which contains a great deal of information about how to keep your child safe online around this issue.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/coerced-online-child-sexualabuse>

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 (DSL) 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 Hughes, Mrs O'Neill, Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Simpson have all received additional safeguarding training and will be able to help you.

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