

# Safeguarding Newsletter

Creswell C of E Infant & Nursery School

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## Our Aims & Vision

The aim of this newsletter is to communicate key information to parents and guardians about how we continue to actively promote the safety and welfare of the children under our care and to point you in the direction of resources and information that will help you to safeguard your children at home. Our school vision is to...

*'Celebrate life in all its fullness, ensuring that every child achieves the very best they can in their time with us, in a happy, safe and exciting environment.'*



## Attendance

As some of you may have noticed, we have started a new 'RAINBOW' initiative in each classroom to reward regular attendance in school. For every full week in school, your child will be moved to the next colour of the rainbow. After reaching the top of the rainbow, they will be rewarded with a small prize.

Good attendance goes hand in hand with high attainment. It has been proven that children who attend school 95% of the time or more make better progress and achieve higher results. We are committed to improving attendance figures but can only do this in partnership with parents and guardians. You can help us to achieve this by:

- ◆ arriving at school on time
- ◆ not taking your child out of school during term time for holidays or other events
- ◆ ensuring that the office have copies of any documentation for necessary medical appointments

Letters will be sent out to the parents of children with attendance levels of below 90% and you will be invited to a meeting to discuss how we can help you to improve your child's attendance at school.

*We can achieve more for our pupils if we all work together!*

## Our Staff

If you have any concerns about a child, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Safeguarding Team who are listed below for your information:

Mrs A Dodd	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs E Furness	Safeguarding Deputy & Head of School Care
Mrs S Wilmot	Health & Safety Officer
Mrs S Dayson	Governor for Safeguarding & Anti-Bullying



Alternatively, please ring the school office for help or advice on: **01909 721 471**



## Photographs

This time of year, we are busy with a whole range of lovely Christmas events and festivities. We understand that parents attending these events may want to capture the memories by taking photographs or videos.

In line with our [Online Safety](#) and [Safeguarding](#) policies, we are careful to gain parental permission for the use of images for internal or external publications and on our website. There are some children who cannot be photographed for a variety of serious Safeguarding reasons.

We therefore politely ask you to help us with this by not taking photographs at the Christmas Concerts. If you take a photograph of your child after the event, please remember to not put any images containing other people's children on social media.

We hope that this does not spoil your enjoyment of our Christmas events and hope that you understand that we have a duty of care to safeguard the welfare of every child in our school.

## Parking & Road Safety



## Useful apps and Websites



We would like to remind all of our parents about the safety of children on our site. It is safer for everyone if parents do not drive up to the school to drop off and collect children. We would really appreciate your help with this. You can help to keep our children safe by:

- ◆ walking to school when possible
- ◆ if a car is needed, parking in the free Spar car park or other safe parking place and walk the short distance up the hill
- ◆ walking on the designated path and not on the road with your child
- ◆ holding the hands of younger children
- ◆ crossing the local roads at the designated crossing points (zebra crossing or with crossing patrol supervisors)
- ◆ talking to your child about road safety
- ◆ sharing age-appropriate online resources with your children to help them understand more about road safety; follow the links below for child friendly videos and songs about the 'Stop, Look, Listen & Think' campaign:

[www.think.gov.uk/resource/crossing-roads](http://www.think.gov.uk/resource/crossing-roads)

[www.think.gov.uk/resource/safer-journeys-anthem](http://www.think.gov.uk/resource/safer-journeys-anthem)

Safeguarding our children both at school and at home can be difficult. The NHS have developed a free app (NHS Safeguarding) which lists and explains what Safeguarding is and outlines the different types of Safeguarding concerns that we may all come across in our daily lives. This app also contains details of who to contact if you have serious concerns about the safety or well-being of adults or children out of school hours. Simply click on the 'Contacts & Resources' tab on the app for further information.

The Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership also has a very informative website: [www.ddscp.org.uk](http://www.ddscp.org.uk)

The menu has a tab for Parents & Carers which has a lot of information and useful links about how to keep our children safe in all aspects of their lives, including resources on:

- ◆ the NSPCC Pants campaign
- ◆ helping your child stay safe online
- ◆ bullying prevention

The site also has information on what to do if you think that a child is in danger.

## Pushchairs



Just a polite reminder that due to fire regulations, pushchairs are not allowed in the hall. Thank you for your support with this in order to keep us all safe during our Christmas concerts and events in the school hall over the next few weeks.

## Feedback



We are always looking to improve our communications with parents and would love your feedback on our Safeguarding newsletters. If you would like us to particularly cover an issue of concern to you, or you know of any related links, websites or resources that may be useful for other parents, please let us know.

## School Website



We will be updating our Safeguarding section on the school website in the next few weeks. Keep checking in for updates and more useful resources for you and your child.

## Thank You!



We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for your continued support with Safeguarding our children both in and out of school. We would like to wish you a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

