



Safeguarding & Child Protection at St Peter's C of E Primary School

Why have a Newsletter?

Safeguarding & Child Protection is such an important issue for our children and young people that we have decided to have a half termly newsletter that shares key information and advice with parents and carers so that we can all work together with the same aim of keeping children safe in school, at home and in the wider community.

Safeguarding relates to many areas of life in schools, including children's physical health and safety, mental health issues, attendance, managing medical conditions, internet safety, substance misuse, bullying, the dangers of radicalisation, child sexual exploitation, gang culture, FGM, neglect, domestic violence, forced marriages, sex and relationships education, British Values and road

safety among other issues.

At St Peter's, we feel it is important to work with our parents and with the high-quality agencies that support schools and young people so that we can offer a safe environment that allows children to be aware of the risks they may face and how to respond to them safely.

We hope that our school curriculum gives children opportunities to explore many of these issues in a safe situation—through PSHE, SRE, Worship, Circle Time, dedicated topic time and as key learning points arise in subjects such as science so that we can equip our children with the knowledge, understanding and the right tools to make the right choices.

Operation Encompass

Our school participates in a national scheme called 'Operation Encompass', which is a joint partnership between the Police and schools. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified.

This system has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident. We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour. Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school receives an email from TVP the morning after a child has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

We are then able to use this information to provide the right support to any child and their family as and when it is needed.

Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary about Safeguarding

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

SPOC: Single Point of Contact (PREVENT) - responsible for preventing children being impacted by extremism

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 trustsafeguarding issues

DBS: Disclosure & Barring Service used to make safer recruitment decisions

Part of our Rainbow Team



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Colley

Deputy DSL's
Mrs Harrison Mr Robinson

Safeguarding Governor
Mrs Hutton



Spring term safeguarding activities

Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary about Safeguarding cont.

CP: Child Protection

LSCB: Local Safeguarding Children Board

CEOP: - Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre (tackling child sex abuse and providing advice)

Early Help: "providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the foundation years through to the teenage years". Essentially intervening to prevent abuse/neglect before it occurs.

- **Online Safety Day**
- **A visit from the local Police Community Support Officer.**
- **Continued E – Safety assemblies**
- **Road Safety Morning: St Helens Road Safety Officer**



Crucial Crew

Do you know how much sleep your child needs?

The amount of sleep that your child is recommended to have is based upon their age. The NHS recommends the following:

Age	Amount of sleep
5 years old	11 hours
6 years old	10 hours 45 minutes
7 years old	10 hours 30 minutes
8 years old	10 hours 15 minutes
9 years old	10 hours
10 years old	9 hours 45 minutes
11 years old	9 hours 30 minutes

Poor school attendance is a safeguarding issue. Persistent absenteeism will lead to contact from our Education Welfare Officer and eventually a fine. Taking term time holidays may also lead to a fine.

School Target: 98%
Spring Term: 95.4%

Out of school: If you believe that a child or young person is at immediate risk, you should report this without delay to the police service on 999.

If a child is not in immediate danger, you can do one of the following:

- Call the **Contact Centre** on (01744) **676767** and tell them that you have a concern about a child;
- Outside of office hours call the **Emergency Duty Team** on **0345 050 0148**;
- Call **Merseyside Police** on **0151 709 6010** (24 hour line);
- Discuss your concerns with a professional you can trust such as a health visitor, teacher or GP; or
- Contact the **NSPCC Helpline** on **0808 800 5000**.

Cyberbullying/E-Safety



As a parent it's important you know that all social networking platforms (or social networking apps, if on a smartphone) have minimum age limits. Some social networks use technologies that may not be right for some ages or engage with communities that are made up of people much older than your child. To the left are the age limits for the most commonly used apps

