



Red Oaks Primary School

Safeguarding Newsletter

March 2023



Welcome to our Term 4 Safeguarding Newsletter. At Red Oaks, we are committed to ensuring a culture of safeguarding in our school and it is paramount in all we do. We hope that our termly safeguarding newsletters will give you an overview of our approach, offer some useful guidance and information and inform you of what your children are learning in school about how to keep themselves safe. For more information about safeguarding, please look at our website:

[https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating children Staying Safe Intro.php](https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating_children_Staying_Safe_Intro.php)

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe



Our Safeguarding Curriculum theme this term is based on the NSPCC's Speak Out Stay safe programme. Children in years 1-6 will all take part in Speak Out Stay Safe class assemblies which aim to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout



Children in Nursery and Reception will be learning about the NSPCC PANTS rule and will meet Pantosaurus: a yellow singing dinosaur who will teach them a very catchy song! The PANTS rule helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

You can find out more and download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Contact details – always keep us up to date!

It is vitally important that we have the correct contact details for every parent/carer. If you change your phone number, email or move house, please let the school office know. We also need at least two emergency contacts for your child.

Telephone – 01793 493920

Email – admin@redoaks.org.uk

Useful contacts:

Swindon MASH (Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub) if you have concerns about a child and want to speak to a social worker - 01793 466903 or email swindonmash@swindon.gov.uk

If you have concerns that a child is at immediate risk of harm, please call the Police on 999

School Nursing Team – for support to help children with their physical, mental and emotional well-being and referring to other specialist agencies.

Tel – 01793 465050 or email snn@swindon.gov.uk

Online safety guidance for parents - <https://swgfl.org.uk/>

PSCO Visits

Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are very lucky to have our local PSCO visiting next week.

Years 3 and 4 will take part in a session about staying safe in the community, including online safety.

Years 5 and 6 will learn about criminal responsibility.







Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Our Safeguarding Team:

			
Becky Taylor Designated Safeguarding Lead	Emily Maxfield Deputy Safeguarding Lead	James Lee Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Caroline Henham Link LAB Member for Safeguarding

If you have a concern about the safety or well-being of a child, please speak to one of our Safeguarding Team.