



Safeguarding Information for Parents – Autumn Term 1 2022

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SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY



Well done to all of the children and adults who have shown how unique we all are by wearing odd socks to school.

Anti-Bullying nationally takes place from 14th until 22nd November. The theme this year for Anti-Bullying week has been 'Reach Out'. Wordsworth has been promoting this national campaign within our PSHE curriculum. It is important to acknowledge that bullying is very different to children falling out or accidentally hurting each other. We use our restorative conversations and our behaviours and relationships policy to teach children how to solve this together. The NSPCC have a very useful website that clarifies the definition of Bullying please use this link: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying> Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless, but it does not have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. This starts by reaching out.



Do you know the social media platforms your child is using? Do you know how many accounts they have set up?

We know that social media is an important part of a young persons life but it is vital that they use it respectfully and safely. Online bullying is not acceptable and can be detrimental to the mental wellbeing of a young person suffering from this. Information regarding social media platforms can be found on the link below. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>



Words Worth Sharing

It is important that children are able to share any worries or concerns that they may have to all adults in school. However, we need to consider that children may not feel ready, or know how to tell someone they are being abused, exploited or neglected, and/or they might not recognise their experiences as harmful. To support children being heard and for them being able to share any worries or concerns they may have we has a 'Words Worth Sharing' button on our website where a child can report electronically. The link from the website goes directly to the school DSL. Even if the report is anonymous at this point of contact that is ok. Having some information is better than having none. We can then tailor assembly themes and our curriculum to encourage further speaking out and let them know that Words are worth sharing. (Going live November 2022).



How will this affect you and your family?

With the cost of living rises for all it may be that you experience a temporary need for extra support. We know how difficult it can be to ask for help but there are charities and services that we can sign post you to if you do need a little bit of support in these difficult times.

Please get in touch with Mrs King if we can be of support.



Thank you for keeping all of our children safe!

Please remember when you are on the school site to keep your mobile in your pocket! Thank you.



Thank you in advance!

Sadly, we have had complaints around inappropriate language being used by some parents on and around the school site. Please be courteous and consider the language being used.