



Stanford Junior & Infant School

Safeguarding Newsletter - Autumn 2018

Welcome to our first termly Safeguarding Newsletter. Here you will find some useful information and signposts about the work we do here in school to keep your children safe.

At Stanford Junior & Infant School we recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our pupils. One of our central aims as a school is to provide an environment where children feel safe, are respected and valued. As such we are always alert to the potential signs of abuse and neglect and will follow our statutory duties to ensure that children receive effective support and protection where needed. For more information please see the 'Keeping children safe in education' document available on the school and government websites.

Who's Who -

Our Designated Safeguarding / Child Protection Officer is Mrs Smith (Deputy Head)

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding / Child Protection Officer is Mrs Hackfath (Head Teacher)

We thank Mrs Cawley for her years as our Safeguarding lead in school. She will be retiring in November. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

Our Safeguarding Governors are Mrs Julie Childs (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Liz Wright (Governor)

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OR WELFARE OF YOUR CHILD, OR A CHILD YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULD ACT WITHOUT DELAY - PLEASE SPEAK TO ANY MEMBER OF STAFF IN SCHOOL OR CALL THE LOCAL SAFEGUARDING TEAM ON 01472 325555 OR CONTACT THE POLICE ON 101 or 999 IN AN EMERGENCY.

Safety and Wellbeing on the Web -

Our school website is a fantastic resource for useful information and guidance. We have dedicated sections relating to E-safety, Safeguarding and Child Protection, as well as a recently added section on Mental Health and Wellbeing. You can also find links to all our current policies, including the child friendly versions of the Anti-bullying, E-safety and Safeguarding policies.

A Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is a multi-agency body set up in every local authority. Please contact our LSCB using the safernel web link. www.safernel.co.uk

Recent Staff Refreshers-

All our staff at Stanford School keep up to date with training and have recently had refreshers on the updated 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018', Prevent training and Children Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

Playground Reminder-

The School gates are open at 08:45 am, where the playgrounds are supervised by members of staff from that time, until the doors open at 08:50 am.

Data Collection Sheets-

New data collection sheets will be sent home for all parent and carers to complete. Please can you ensure that the school has any new numbers and contact details so that our records are up to date. At least two different people for contacts is necessary (see Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018) so we can contact if needed. We will also be introducing a new password code. This will be on the collection sheets for you to fill in. A passcode will be asked by our office staff when you are contacting the school regarding your child/ren. This is to ensure we can identify who is contacting us.



Safeguarding at Stanford School is...

'Everyone's responsibility, every day'

Peer on Peer Abuse-

Peer on peer abuse occurs when a young person is exploited, bullied and/ or harmed by their peers who are the same or similar age. Peer- on- peer abuse is any form of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and coercive, exercised between children and within children's relationships (both intimate and non- intimate). There are many form of abuse that may occur between peers: Physical abuse, sexually harmful behaviours/ sexual abuse, bullying, cyber bullying.

Keeping Children Safe in Education, 2018 states that '*Governing bodies and proprietors should ensure their child protection policy includes procedures to minimise the risk of peer on peer abuse and sets out how allegations of peer on peer abuse will be investigated and dealt with*' (page 19). The document also states it is most important to ensure opportunities of seeking the voice of the child are heard, '*Governing bodies, proprietors and school or college leaders should ensure the child's wishes and feelings are taken into account when determining what action to take and what services to provide. Systems should be in place for children to express their views and give feedback. Ultimately, any system and processes should operate with the best interests of the child at their heart.*'

Fortnite: E-safety Information for Parents

At Stanford School we pride ourselves in educating our pupils on internet safety. With many pupils using the internet we need to ensure that games and sites that are being used are used safely.

Please find a leaflet for parents that has been put together, about the game Fortnite: Battle Royale, which is incredibly popular with young people at the moment. The leaflet is designed to be positive and informative. There is advice about the content, how to turn off chat, and where to get help and support. The web link to the booklet is www.nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides. You will also find the information on our website.

Parent's Questionnaire -

Thank you to those parents who have completed the questionnaires as your feedback and opinions are important to us, it was overwhelmingly positive. We are pleased to report that 96% of respondents said their child/ren feel safe in the school and 97% of parents also felt that their child is taught well at the school and makes good progress. As part of our curriculum we teach about the importance of keeping safe and bullying. Please remind your child/ren to tell staff of anything they are worried about so we can support them.

Recent and Up and Coming events

Worry boxes- To help pupils with any worries or concerns they have, we have introduced worry boxes in each class. Here pupils can write down the worry they have and these will then be checked by staff on a day to day basis. Discussions will take pace with the child and support will be offered where needed, either by the classroom staff or our learning mentor.

Road Safety continues to be our monthly focus. In addition to all the many road safety activities we do in school this is another fantastic opportunity to help reinforce this important message in our community. Walk to School week is November 19th.

Mental Health Awareness day was on Wednesday 10th October. We celebrated this day by looking at mental health and what strategies and activities we can do to help improve our well being. Mrs Marsden lead a wonderful assembly with pupils who also shared their ideas for improving well- being. Mrs Wright, School Nurse, also came in offering an additional drop- in service too.

Anti Bullying week is week beginning 12th November 2018.

" I feel safe at school because the gates to the school are always closed and locked, they are very secure. Staff are always around school, keeping us safe inside and out on the playground." Year 6 Pupils