



Safeguarding Newsletter Autumn 2022—Everyone's Responsibility

At Chaucer Infant and Nursery School we place the protection of children in our care as one of our major priorities and responsibilities. We are committed to the safety and well-being of all our children. School policies and procedures are in place to ensure that all members of the school community can work together in a way that supports safeguarding for all.

Our staff are available to discuss with parents any concerns or worries that you may have concerning your child or if you feel that you need help or support with family issues, as we can signpost you to services which may be available in the local area.

Our school's Safeguarding Leads:

Miss C Beattie: Designated Safeguarding Lead and Headteacher

Mrs S Melbourne: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer and Early Help

Miss D Dawley: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer and Assistant Head

We will ask questions...

It is our job to ask questions, please do not be offended.

Times we might ask you a safeguarding question:

- ◇ *If your child has a mark or bruise and you forgot to let us know*
- ◇ *If your child says something that we need to ask you a bit more about*
- ◇ *If your child's behaviour changes*
- ◇ *If you are late bringing or collecting your child*
- ◇ *If your child's attendance is poor*
- ◇ *If we think you look like you may be struggling or need support*
- ◇ *If we think we can smell unusual substances on you or your child's clothing or book bag*

We are not judging, we are just following the rules we have in school and that every school has.

Ways you can help:

- ◇ *Always let us know if your children has had an accident and has a mark*
- ◇ *If there are changes at home that may mean your child's behaviour is different, then let us know*

Everybody's Business!

It is everyone's responsibility to do something if there are concerns that a child is suffering from or is at risk of significant harm.

If you have any concerns about a child, then please do not hesitate to contact one of the following:

Starting Point is Derbyshire's first point of contact for children and younger adults for advice and support or if you have concerns. The service is available Monday – Friday 8am to 6 pm. Telephone 01629 533190

NSPCC has a free 24 hour, 365 days a year helpline on 0808 8005000

Online Safety

Our aim as parents, carers and teachers is to keep our children safe. This is the same for the online world. We all know that the current world is heavily technology based and this will only get bigger. We want our children to grow up with technology being second nature, however with this we also know how important it is for our children to know safe practices online as well as in everyday life. At home, sometimes children can be given unsupervised access to the Internet. This, potentially, allows them to access all kinds of society (both good and bad) and bring them virtually into their homes. We would encourage you to talk to your children about what they are doing online, always encourage your child to be online in a shared area so you can work together. It's essential to be realistic - banning the internet or technology will not work and it often makes a child less likely to report a problem. Education around safe use is essential.

Thinkuknow



Thinkuknow is a fantastic website with a wealth of resources to support you as parents/carers and your children. There are child friendly animations available which you can watch together. The animations give children great opportunities to learn about trust, being kind online, consent, and healthy and unhealthy behaviour on the internet.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Please click on the link to our school website, where you will find more online safety advice

[On Line Safety - Chaucer Infant School \(chaucer-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk\)](http://chaucer-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Parking at the school

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all our parents about parking safely and legally when collecting and dropping off the children, both at the start and end of the day. We respectfully ask our parents and other family members to be mindful of private driveways, 'keep clear' and 'no parking' road markings. It is also important that we park safely in ways that do not restrict clear views of safe places to cross the road.