

Safeguarding Newsletter



Why have a Newsletter?

Safeguarding and Child Protection is such an important issue for our children and young people so it is important to share key information with parents and carers. Our aim is to work together with the same aim of keeping children safe in school, at home and in the wider community.

Safeguarding relates to many aspects of our work at Etwall Primary including:

- Children's physical health and wellbeing
- Mental health
- Attendance
- Managing medical conditions
- Bullying
- Domestic Abuse
- Neglect
- British Values

Role of the DSL

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Deputy DSL (DDSL) has a crucial role in taking lead responsibility for child protection issues in school. DSLs must be members of the school's leadership team. At Etwall, we have a team of deputy designated safeguarding leads, led by Mrs Bentley as the senior DSL.

A DSL/DDSL is always available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns. On most days, there is a safeguarding lead in school from 8am to 5:30pm and DSLs are always contactable by telephone or email outside these hours for staff.

DSLs are trained to take on this role and their training is updated every two years, with regular additional training, forums and conferences in between to provide additional information and updated advice.

Who's Who?

Mrs Bentley
Headteacher and DSL

The DSL has many responsibilities including working with staff and with parents and families; training staff and governors, managing referrals, investigating concerns and liaising with other professionals whilst maintaining records.

Mrs Bradley

Deputy Headteacher and DDSL
(Online Safety Focus)

Mrs Toynebee

EYFS Lead and DDSL
(Designated Teacher for
Looked After Children)

Mrs Giles

SENCO and DDSL (Mental
Health and Wellbeing focus)

Useful Safeguarding Terms

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

PREVENT: Part of the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy to prevent people being drawn into extremism

LADO: Local Authority Designated Officer who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues

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

CP: Child Protection

Early Help: We provide Early Help as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life. This could be due to Special Educational Needs or for any other support needs, including safeguarding support.

TAC: Team Around a Child (part of Early Help)

TAF: Team Around a Family (part of Early Help)

CEOP: Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre



**IMMEDIATE CONCERNS
ABOUT THE SAFETY OF A
CHILD?**

PHONE:

'CALL DERBYSHIRE'

ON

01629 533190

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Professionally curious...

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 say 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

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.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Our Safeguarding Curriculum

We believe that one of the best ways to safeguard children, is through equipping them with the knowledge and skills for how they can keep themselves safe. Safeguarding themes are threaded through our curriculum and the enrichment opportunities we offer in school.

Some examples include:

- Our PSHE Matters scheme is delivered from Reception to Year 6
- Online safety discussions in computing lessons
- Links with the NSPCC (assemblies etc.)
- Involvement in Anti-Bullying week
- School nurse visits
- Themed safety events (e.g. Bikeability / Bonfire Night)

Over the last few years, the NSPCC's "Underwear Rule" campaign- also known as the PANTS campaign – has been supporting and encouraging parents to talk to children aged between four and 11 about staying safe from sexual abuse.

We know it's a conversation no parent wants to have, but we believe it is important. We call it talking PANTS and refer to this message in school regularly. From P through to S, each letter gives an important message for children as young as four to help them stay safe.

When's the right time to talk PANTS?

- **bathtime**, applying cream or when getting your child dressed
- **car journeys**
- going **swimming** and saying that what's covered by swimwear is private
- during a **TV show** that features a sensitive storyline
- If your child tells you that they have been **learning about the pantosaurus** in school



NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR