



Safeguarding at Grange Junior School

Term 1: 2023/2024

Safeguarding at Grange Junior School is everyone's responsibility, every day

Who to contact if you have a concern about a child

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away. The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Grange Junior School:

- Mrs Arthur (DSL)
- Mrs Gordon
- Ms Brown

They can be contacted via the school office, or by telephone on 01793 822405

For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, please visit the 'Safeguarding' page on our school website.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Dear Parents and Career

At Grange Junior School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Anyone who comes in to contact with children and their families has a role to play.

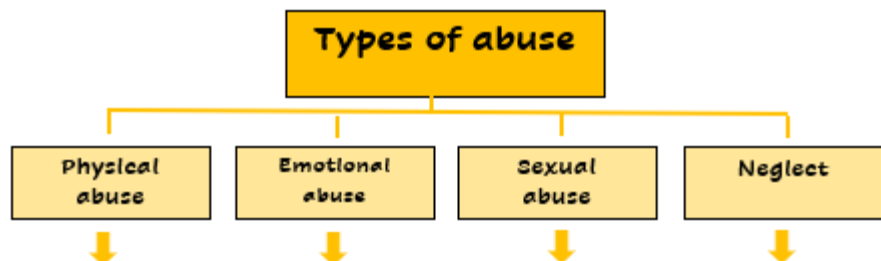
As part of that, we are going to send out a new termly safeguarding newsletter informing you of any recent safeguarding news as well as providing you with key details around a range of safeguarding issues.

This newsletter will focus on the Designated Safeguarding Leads, Keeping Children Safe in Education and the theme of online safety.

Keeping Children Safe in Education is a statutory Department for Education document which all schools must follow when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It covers many aspects of safeguarding including different forms of abuse, early help processes, safe recruitment, how concerns must be reported and the role of the Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes



Report any concerns

If you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead, or any member of staff. You can also contact the

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on:
01793466903

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

Online Safety

Using online facilities to help with learning, keep in contact with others and to give some 'down time' is part of all our lives, but it is important that we all know how to keep children safe when doing so. Net Aware website (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>)

has guides to the most popular apps, games and social media sites, along with strategies for how to keep your child safe when online.

Did you know?

All social networking platforms and apps have minimum age limits. Some social networks use technologies that might not be appropriate for some ages, or engage with communities that are made up of people much older than your child.

What are the risks of an underage social networking account?

- Many sites include an instant message function which allows private conversations. Not everyone your child meets online will be who they say they are.
- Most social networking sites have an app version, meaning your child will have access to the social network from their smartphone or tablet. Some app versions of social networks use the location of the phone.
- Chat rooms and forums can connect people who are complete strangers and can be un-moderated.
- Information shared between friends can be easily copied and may spread.
- It isn't easy to take back information that has been posted – and can be impossible if it's already been shared.
- Chat rooms and forums are one of the places online groomers go to connect with children. They can also be places where people use inappropriate language. This is sometimes done through video chat programmes.

What can I do to keep my child safe?

1. Think about online routines: Have a conversation with your child about online safety and agree some rules to help keep them safe.
2. Have a conversation about online pressures and cyberbullying: Remember to talk to your child about what they are doing online and who they are talking to. Check in with them regularly and remind them they can talk to you, another trusted adult, like a teacher, or a ChildLine counsellor about anything they are worried about.
3. Set up devices safely: Make sure you set it up with your child, exploring any safety features. Remember to use parental controls!
4. Keep children safe on conferencing apps: Supervise your child when they use these apps; remind your child not to share chat links or passwords on social media; explore any security features like how to report and block; talk to your child about what they are sharing.



TikTok

TikTok (formerly called Musical.ly) is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 60 second videos. You can use music and effects

to enhance your videos and you can also browse other people's videos and interact with them.

Official Rating 13+

Due to its content and use, the expert's view of this platform is that children are at a high risk of being exposed to inappropriate content (such as promotion of drugs, alcohol and crime) as well as bullying



WhatsApp is an instant messaging app which lets you send messages, images and videos in one-to-one and group chats with your contacts. You can

choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.

Official Rating 16+

At present you cannot report incidents of bullying directly to WhatsApp

Remember! You can always speak to your child's class teacher if you have any safeguarding concerns.

Safeguarding Curriculum



To support our Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum, our school follows the Jigsaw scheme of work. Each week the children participate in a range of activities linked to that term's 'jigsaw piece'. The following themes are being covered between September and Christmas:

Term 1: Being Me In My World covers a wide range of topics, including a sense of belonging, welcoming others and being part of a school community, a wider community, and a global community; it also looks at children's rights and responsibilities, working and socialising with others, and pupil voice.

Term 2: Celebrating differences focuses on similarities and differences and teaches about diversity, such as disability, racism, power, friendships, and conflict; children learn to accept everyone's right to 'difference', and most year groups explore the concept of 'normal'; bullying – what it is and what it isn't, including cyber and homophobic bullying – is an important aspect of this puzzle.

Be Bright Be Seen!

We are always mindful for the safety of our children near to roads and conscious of how vulnerable they can be. Therefore, we are sending out an important reminder to these dangers as autumn draws in and the clocks go back an hour on Sunday 30th October, signalling the end of British Summer Time.

At this time of year, there is reduced visibility for drivers and pedestrians and as a result, your child can become even more vulnerable near to roads. To help raise your child's awareness of this issue, we have included a flyer with safety tips so you can discuss with your child how important it is to be visible when near roads.

It emphasises how wearing brightly coloured clothing shows up well in daylight but as it gets dark, reflective clothing and accessories are far more effective in highlighting pedestrians through car headlights or streetlamps.



BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

this winter



Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer
- so check over the page for some top tips!

5 top tips on how to **BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

**Be Bright,
Be Seen**

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