

Safeguarding Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer 2018 edition

Welcome to the Summer 'Safeguarding Newsletter'. Here at St Francis, we take safeguarding very seriously & want to work together with parents, carers and families to help keep all the children here at St Francis safe. Please do not be offended if we seem to be asking questions -we are doing our job and adhering to our 'Duty of Care' in making sure that our children are happy and safe both in and out of school. In this edition, you will find information on Child Safety Week 2018, How you can nurture your

How to nurture a child's mental health



Summer is fast approaching! For more information and tips on how to keep your child safe over the Summer holidays, check out the following websites:

www.safenetwork.org.uk

www.nhs.uk/livewell/healthy_holidays

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Summerhealth/Pages/Summerhealthhome.aspx>



Child Safety Week 2018 will take place from 4th-10th June 2018.

<https://www.capt.org.uk/> have

some fantastic resources you can do at home with your child and lots of information about some of the most common causes of child accidents and how to prevent them. Resources include information on how to deal with burns & scalds, choking, poisoning, falls, road safety, fire safety and drowning.

Useful links

St John Ambulance has created a short, memorable animation showing common risks and giving first aid for choking:

www.sja.org.uk/chokingbaby

British Red Cross has advice and videos on how to administer first aid for choking babies and children: www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/First-aid/Baby-and-Child-First-Aid

The British Blind and Shutter Association's Make It Safe video highlights the dangers of blind cords: www.makeitsafe.org.uk



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What do I do if I am concerned?

If you or someone you know is being abused, we can help. Please contact us. We will work with you and listen to you.

Walsall Social Care and Inclusion

Telephone: 0300 555 2922

Textphone: 0845 111 2910

Email: initialintake@walsall.gov.uk

Website: www.walsall.gov.uk/adultabuse

Abuse is often a crime. If you think a crime has been committed contact Walsall Police.

If there is a medical emergency, other danger to life or risk of imminent injury, or if a crime is in progress you should call 999 for the appropriate emergency response.

To report crime or anti-social behaviour, to contact your local police station or to get police assistance in a non-emergency dial 101.

For all other police enquiries dial 0345 113 5000

Attendance and Safeguarding

A polite reminder to parents and carers. Please call school on 01922 682583 ext 1, if your child is unwell.

It is important you let us know if your child will not be at school, or if you need to collect them for appointments. We require medical evidence for medical appointments.

We cannot allow students to leave the school without permission, as we are responsible for their safety and this is our responsibility under safeguarding.

If we have not heard from you, we will attempt to **contact the home by phone**. We will continue to call the telephone numbers in order on your child's contact list. Please ensure we have **at least two UP TO DATE** phone numbers on your child's contact form and let us know immediately of any changes.



Together, we can keep our children safe.

If you require any further information or if you have concerns about a child or you see something, please report it to a member of the Safeguarding Team in School immediately or alternatively call **0300 555 2866** (Monday - Thursday, 8.45am - 5.15pm Friday, 8.45am - 4.45pm) or the Emergency Response Team on 0300 555 2922 or 0300 555 2836 during Evenings, weekends, bank holidays (out of hours).



Use-

ful websites

The information on the following websites will help you and your children to stay safe online.

Social networking safety

Help and advice to manage your account settings to ensure privacy and to report any problems.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/help/safety>

Instagram: <https://help.instagram.com/>

Twitter: [https://support.twitter.com/](https://support.twitter.com/articles/76036-safety-keeping-your-account-secure)

[articles/76036-safety-keeping-your-account-secure](https://support.twitter.com/articles/76036-safety-keeping-your-account-secure)

Youtube: [http://www.youtube.com/yt/](http://www.youtube.com/yt/policyandsafety/?rd=1)

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Set up parental controls offered by your home internet provider

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parental-controls>

CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) -

Help and advice for parents/carers and young people. Make a report to CEOP.

<http://ceop.police.uk/>

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

Get Safe Online - Advice for adults and young people on a range of topics including protecting your computer, scam emails, online shopping, banking, identity theft, safeguarding children.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

UK Safer Internet Centre - Help and advice for parents/carers and young people.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources>

The Parent Zone - Digital Parenting magazine and articles.

<http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/parent>

http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/parent/information/digital_parenting

