

# Safeguarding Newsletter



Autumn 2016 edition

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the first 'Safeguarding Newsletter' of the year at St Francis Catholic Primary School. I will be sending the newsletter out termly and keeping you informed of any issues, debates or updates. It will hopefully be a reminder of who you can go to if there is a problem and will be a good source of information in how we are keeping your child/ren safe and how you can keep them safe too. If there are any concerns, or if you are interested in learning more about a particular issue, please let me know and we will feature information in the next newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Mrs Cox

### What Parents Must Do:





Parents are the most important people to keep their children safe. You should always

- \*Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.
  - \*Talk to school if you need help or support.
- Read the school policies about safety issues.
- \*Let school know if your child has a medical condition.
  - \*Let school know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child.
  - \*Let school know if there is a change in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility.
  - \*Let us know who will be dropping off or collecting your child and two other emergency contact names and numbers. You must inform school of any changes to agreed arrangements.
  - \*Let school know if your child is going to be absent and the reasons why.

### What School Must Do:

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best.

- \*Anybody who works or volunteers at St Francis will be checked by the Police (vetted) to make sure they are safe to work with children and then trained to identify child abuse and what to do if they are concerned.
- \*The school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs D Cox, who has had extra training to know what to do when a concern is brought to her.
- \*We will always listen to you and work closely with you if we are concerned about your child but, sometimes, we may not be able to discuss our concern and a referral may have to be made to Children's Services or the Police. The school has a Child Protection Policy which tells you more about this and this is available on our school website.
- \*We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons can include healthy eating, anti-bullying, e-safety, road safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness. As part of the lessons your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety.

			
<p><b>Mrs Cox</b> Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) SPOC Deputy Headteacher</p>	<p><b>Miss Richards</b> Child Protection / Safeguarding Headteacher</p>	<p><b>Miss Hussey</b> Child Protection / Safeguarding SENDCO Year 4 Teacher</p>	<p><b>Mrs Rudd</b> Child Protection / Safeguarding Teaching Assistant</p>

By following these simple guidelines you safeguard the children of our school and yourself.

Parents in the school grounds:

1. Parents must never approach other peoples' children to discuss any type of issue with them. This is unacceptable and the school will take immediate action should this happen. This will involve calling Children's Social Care as this is our legal duty. We may also call the police.
2. Parents should not approach other parents if they have an issue with either them or their child. This is not the right way to deal with problems and leads to: \*unacceptable behaviour on our school grounds e.g. fighting \*children feeling frightened \*both adults and children feeling unsafe on school grounds.
3. If you see, or hear, something that concerns you regarding the welfare of one of our pupils: \*come into school and speak to a teacher \*make a note of the concern including the time, date, factual details and names where possible; pass this information to school. You can remain anonymous if you wish.

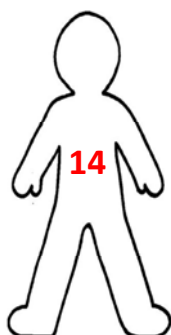


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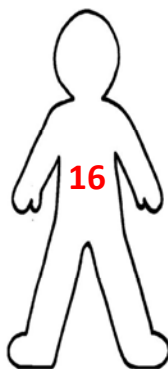
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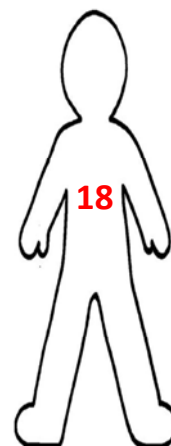
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As a school we are continually teaching our children through assemblies and lessons about E-Safety and the dangers of the internet.

Please work with us to keep our children safe. Talk to your child about the importance of not sending inappropriate messages via chat sites and remind them that this could be seen as a form of bullying and is taken very seriously.

Please be aware of what apps and sites your children are using and help keep them safe by monitoring and supervising their internet activity. With the advancement in technology, these apps can also be accessed by mobile phones.

For further advice on how to keep your children safe on the internet, you can visit the following sites:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/know-it-all-for-parents>