



Safeguarding

All in this together

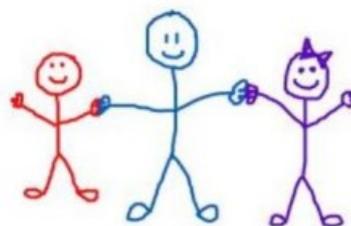
This term, our safeguarding focus in school is 'What is safeguarding?'. Each week as part of our assembly focus, the children will have a safeguarding element led by one of the safeguarding leads in school. This term we have been focusing on what safeguarding is; what it means, what kind of things children and our staff look out for and most importantly, who children can tell if they have a concern or are worried about something. Our safeguarding newsletters will give you, as parents, an overview of what we discuss in assemblies and in the classroom with our children about safeguarding. It also has many links to resources that you may find useful and can use at home if you wish.

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that school staff take to promote the welfare of our children in school and to protect them from harm. Safeguarding means that:

- Children are protected from maltreatment,
- Children's health and/or development is protected
- Children grow up in safe and effective care
- Swift action is taken to ensure that the best outcomes for all children are achieved.

Potentially, every child can be hurt, put at risk from harm or abused. This is regardless of their age, gender, religion, ethnicity or disability. At Grange Infants school, it is everyone's responsibility to protect children and keep them safe.



What do we talk to the children about?

Our assemblies focus this term on:

- What is safeguarding and who is responsible—this includes meeting the safeguarding team.
- Who children can talk to if they are concerned or worried about something.
- Our school rules and the high expectations we have of behaviour in the school.
- How children can stay safe inside of school and outside on the playground
- How to play together nicely and share our equipment.





Who you can speak to?

If you have a concern about your own or any children in our school, then it is your responsibility to say something to us. Remember, it is everyone's responsibility to keep everyone safe.

You can speak to any member of staff in school. We also have a team of safeguarding leads (DSL's for short). They are:

Mrs E Rushen-Gough (DSL), Mrs Rudman (DDSL), Mrs Ambrose (DDSL) and Mrs Renowden (DDSL).

They are available at any time during the school day to report any of your concerns to.

We will ask questions...



It is our job to ask questions so please do not be offended when/if we do. Times we might ask you a safeguarding question:

- If your child has an abnormal mark or bruise that you may have forgotten to tell us about.
- 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 in need of support.
- If we think we can smell unusual substances on you or your child's clothing or belongings.

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 child 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.

Before and after school

Before and after school is a time where parents are responsible for their children on the school site.

Therefore, we ask that:

- You make sure that once on the school grounds, that your children stay with you.
- Remind children not to climb on the equipment
- Collect your child from the teacher and wait patiently to make sure each child goes to their parent/ carer.
- Remind your child to stay with you and not run ahead.

The Swindon Safeguarding Partnership website has a wealth of resources to support people's understanding of safe-

guarding, the different types of abuse and information about how to report concerns. Click here for further information: [For carers and relatives Information - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)



[NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](#)

The NSPCC website has a wealth of information and resources to help keep children safe. They have many articles, posters and leaflets aimed at adults and young children. We use many of the resources in school with the children so they will be familiar with them.