



St John Fisher



Safeguarding Newsletter

Spring 1 2024

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 the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

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

Meet the Designated Safeguarding Team:

The Safeguarding Team oversee and co-ordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Mrs R Butler



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs M Moss
Mr Paul Higgins

School Safeguarding Governor:
Mr Ian Courtney.

All can be contacted via the office or by telephone on:

01865 779676

For a copy of our school's Child Protection Policy, please visit the Safeguarding page on our [school website](#):

www.st-john-fisher.oxon.sch.uk

*Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,
The Safeguarding Team would like to wish you all a healthy and happy new year! It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the festive break and to hear all of their excited chatter about what they've been up to with you and their wider families. I'm sure many of the children will have received gifts they can use to go online so it is a good opportunity to give some thought as to how we can all support them to stay safe in the virtual world whilst having fun – take a look at last term's newsletter, our online safety page on the school website or the National Online Safety App to find out how.*

This half term we have some important events to promote the children's resilience, mental health and ability to keep themselves safe which I've highlighted on the second page of this newsletter. It promises to be another busy few weeks!

Mr R Butler (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN
Please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead, one of the deputies or any member of staff. You can also contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on:

03450507666

Out of Hours service:

0300 300 8123

MASH@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Or make an online referral via the website:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/information-providers/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub>

Useful Safeguarding Acronyms and Vocabulary

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

MASH: Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

CP: Child Protection

CiN: Child in Need

CEOP: Child Exploitation and On-Line Protection Centre

KCSIE: Keeping Children Safe in Education

PREVENT: Part of the Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn in to extremism

CAMHs: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

SEND: Special Educational Needs & Disabilities



Children's Mental Health Week 5-11 February



Launched in 2015 Children's Mental Health Week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK and this year's theme is 'My Voice Matters.'

1 in 6 children now have a diagnosable mental health condition. By taking part in Children's Mental Health Week we can help ensure that children and young people across the UK feel listened to and know that they're not alone.

Did you know?

In the average primary school class, at least two children have suffered abuse or neglect which is why the NSPCC have developed the 'Speak out. Stay safe' programme which empowers staff to tackle difficult topics with their pupils and helps children understand:



- Abuse in all its forms and the signs of abuse
- Abuse is never a child's fault
- Sources of help available to them, including Childline



What is the PREVENT Strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

The [Prevent Strategy](#) covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme far-right wing and extreme Islamist groups.

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools and parents?

From July 2015 all schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremism and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

The **Prevent strategy** is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children the British Values: the *Rule of Law, Democracy, Individual Liberty, Tolerance* and *Mutual respect*.

We do many age appropriate things in school to help students become positive, happy members of society, which also contributes to the Prevent Strategy.



Online Safety Day

6th February 2024



Children should feel safe **at all times**. This includes when they are online. We have a **School Internet Safety Agreement and Policy** which is regularly reviewed and updated. Staying safe in the virtual world is regularly discussed in class and we have yearly workshops for the children to further promote the importance of this.

Workshops by Cyber Champions will offer advice, support and helpful tips for increasing internet safety in the home, including filters, time-limits and safety settings on various apps and devices as well as some of the risks of social media platforms that you may not be aware of. **This year's workshops for children in Years 1-6 will take place on Monday February 5th with online versions for parents and carers also available that week (further information regarding how to access these will be published nearer the time).**

Online Safety For Parents & Carers

Provided by a specialist from Education Child Protection Ltd.

What is covered in the session?

- What children are taught about online safety (specific to their age)
- Latest trends of what children are doing online
- Details of the current 'apps' & games that children are using & playing
- The issues & dangers children face online
- How we can make children safer online
- Details of what support is available for you & your family

Logos: ECP Education Child Protection, CEOP A National Crime Agency command, REPORT ABUSE

Don't forget to also download the free **National Online Safety App** which can help you keep up-to-date with new developments in keeping your child/ren safe.



The link below takes you to the e-safety pages on our website where there is lots of information and further links to websites that can support you at home, including useful 'What Parents Need to Know' factsheets on all things gaming and social media.

<https://www.st-john-fisher.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=63>

'What Parents need to know'



The **National Online Safety Website** publishes excellent guides for parents about all aspects of online safety. Some of these are shared here under various categories.

On each page there is a list of the relevant guides for that section with the **National Online Safety website's** summary to help you find what you need. The actual PDFs are then towards the bottom of the page.

Keep checking back for more!

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