



Red Oaks Primary School

Safeguarding Newsletter

November 2022



Welcome to our second 'Safeguarding newsletter' of the school year. At Red Oaks, we are committed to ensuring a culture of safeguarding in our school and it is paramount in all we do. We hope that our termly safeguarding newsletters will give you an overview of our approach, offer some useful guidance and information and inform you of what your child is learning in school about how to keep themselves safe. For more information about safeguarding, please look at our website:

https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating_children_Staying_Safe_Intro.php

Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 14th November, we will be starting Anti-Bullying Week with asking everyone to come to school in odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

We will also be having a whole school assembly based around the theme 'Reach Out'. We will be talking to the children about reaching out if they are worried about bullying themselves, but also to reach out to others and support them if they are worried a friend is being bullied. This will be followed up by a lesson in class following the same theme.

It is important that our children fully understand the definition of bullying. We define bullying as: 'behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally. Bullying can take many forms and is often motivated by prejudice against particular groups.'

We encourage children to look at our Anti-bullying flowcharts displayed around school and to always speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about something. For more information about our antibullying policy, please refer to the school website. If you have any concerns about your child, then speak to their class teacher as the first point of contact.



Useful contacts:

Swindon MASH (Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub) if you have concerns about a child and want to speak to a social worker - 01793 466903 or email

swindonmash@swindon.gov.uk

If you have concerns that a child is at immediate risk of harm, please call the Police on 999

School Nursing team – for support to help children with their physical, mental and emotional well-being and referring to other specialist agencies.

Tel – 01793 465050 or email

snn@swindon.gov.uk

Online safety guidance for parents -

<https://swgfl.org.uk/>

Contact details – always keep us up to date!

It is vitally important that we have the correct contact details for every parent/carer. If you change your phone number, email or move house, please let the school office know. We also need at least two emergency contacts for your child.

Telephone – 01793 493920

Email – admin@redoaks.org.uk

Fire Safety



With Bonfire Night fast approaching, it is important our children know how to keep themselves safe around fire. The Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service will be coming into speak to the children about how to stay safe around fire and what to do if they discover a fire. Please ask your child about this visit!

We will also be talking to the children about how to stay safe around fireworks. These are the key messages we will be sharing with the children:



Our Safeguarding Team:



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If you have a concern about the safety or well-being of a child, please speak to one of our safeguarding team.