



Summer Safeguarding Newsletter – 2024-2025

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 any of the Designated Safeguarding Team straight away.

The following members of staff are part of the Safeguarding Team at St James CE:

- Mrs Briers (DSL)
- Mrs Young (DDSL)
- Miss Moore (DDSL)
- Mrs Conant (DDSL)

They can be contacted via the school office, or by telephone on 01744 678545

Safeguarding Governor: Mr William Wiswell

*For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding 2024-25 Policy, please visit the 'Safeguarding' page on our school website.

<https://www.stjamesceprimary.co.uk/page/safeguarding-and-early-help/129471>

You can also contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01744 676767

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to present the second edition of our Parent Safeguarding Newsletter for the 2024/2025 academic year. These newsletters are to assist you in developing a deeper understanding of safeguarding issues that may impact your child, yourself, or members of our local community. **The focus of this newsletter is on Online Safety and how to keep your children safe when using the internet.**

What is safeguarding and child protection?

Safeguarding is the action you take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health and development
- providing support to meet children's needs when problems emerge
- ensuring children grow up with safe and effective care, within their family where possible
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Child protection is part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm. This includes child protection procedures detailing how to respond to concerns about a child.



Summer Safety

We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday and find time to have fun as a family. Below are some top tips in staying safe during the holidays:

1. Keep children safe around water - Go swimming at properly-supervised sites.

2. Follow the five Ss of sun safety:

Sunscreen – apply SPF 30+ broad-spectrum waterproof sunscreen every two hours

Sun hat – put on a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears

Sunglasses – wear wrap-around sunglasses with UV protection to shield the eyes

Shoulders – slip on a T-shirt or UV protective suit for children and remember to keep your shoulders covered

Shade – seek shade, particularly during the hottest time of the day between 11am and 3pm

3. Make sure your children know how to cross the road safely - Sounds very basic, but when young children are out and about with their friends, they can easily get distracted or might take risks when crossing roads. Ensure they have the skills and understanding to deal with roads and traffic safely.

4. Don't keep personalised items - It is a good idea not to have anything visible with your child's name on like rucksacks, tops, and bracelets. If a stranger is able to easily read their name, they'll be able to address them by it, meaning your child is more likely to trust them.

5. Talk to your child about what to do if they separate from you - If your child gets separated from you in public, a police officer would be a good person for them to ask for help, but they're not always around. While you'll never exactly know who is safe and who isn't, a mum or dad with their own children is usually a good choice, they are likely to want to help and will know what to do.

6. Staying safe online - Children and young people will have more free time to spend with friends and family online. See age ratings poster above for some of the listed social media sites. Click on the link below for advice on staying safe on line: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-andresource/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays>

7. Have fun and plan activities together - The summer holidays can be a great chance to spend time with friends and family. Some children may feel a bit lonely or may miss the routine they have when they are in school. Try to keep children's sleep routines the same as this will help when returning to school. Plan plenty of opportunities to go out as a family and have fun!



Remember! You can always speak to your child's class teacher if you have any safeguarding concerns.