

St James CE Primary School

Safeguarding Update Summer 2023-2024

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 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)
- Mrs Conant (DDSL)
- Mr Hardy (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 2023 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 fifth edition of our Parent Safeguarding Newsletter. 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.

Safeguarding children is more than just a commitment; it is the active and collective effort we take to promote the welfare of every child under our care and protect them from harm. We believe that every person who interacts with children and families has a crucial role to play in creating a safe and nurturing environment. It's essential to know that all our staff members are extensively trained in safeguarding.

Whether you wish to discuss concerns, seek guidance, or simply have a conversation about your child's well-being, our staff are here for you. Don't hesitate to reach out. If you have any questions or require clarification on any safeguarding matters, please do not hesitate to ask.

NSPCC

Half a million children suffer abuse and neglect a year in the UK. That's why we're encouraging every adult in our school community to take advantage of some free 10-minute digital training from the NSPCC.

This training will show you:

- some signs a child might be at risk, and steps you can take to help
- how to approach difficult conversations to help keep children safe
- who you can contact if you're ever concerned about a child or their family

To sign up, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/sign-up/>



Supporting your Child with Transition

Just like adults, children cope with changes and transitions in different ways. Some people breeze through with excitement and others feel anxious and need more support. At St James, we are very mindful of these differing needs, so we plan our transitions to high schools and new classes carefully and with a great deal of thought. Further information to follow. However, you as parents/carers play a vital role in making sure this is a positive experience for your children.

Here are some tips for supporting us with this:

1. Be positive! – How you react to change will strongly influence your child and if you feel anxious, so will they. Talk about the positive elements of change – new experiences, new opportunities, new topics and meeting new people.
2. Focus on the constants for your child, the things that will be the same. Those in Reception through to Y5 will be moving class with their peers so their friends will still be with them, they will still see familiar adults and many routines will be the same. For those in Y6 moving to High School, they too will have constants in terms of life at home and, for some, they too will still be with their peers in their new school.
3. Look at our curriculum information on the school website to check out the topics they will be covering in their new year group to help them feel excited about the year ahead.
4. Listen to any concerns that are forthcoming but don't go looking for them – remember that most children will be excited about the move and are more than ready for it.
5. If your child is moving from KS1 to KS2, talk about what this will look like at drop-off and pick-up times – you could even do some practice runs!
6. Stay connected with friends during the holidays so that those connections stay strong.



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