



## Oxenhope C of E Primary

# Safeguarding Newsletter – 10.11.23

### Message from Mrs Jones – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

We have had a jam packed few weeks regarding safeguarding in school. We have been looking at fire safety and the firework code and the children have engaged well. This is crucial at this time of year when there are so many celebrations happening which involve fireworks and bonfires. We have also been teaching the children about body changes and body safety and we welcomed Juliet Vole from Coram education who delivered some of our relationship's education to the children. Next week we welcome both our Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need. Both topics offer great opportunities to talk and support the children.

### Key Staff

Mrs Jones – Head, safeguarding lead, Relationships Education Lead and Personal, Social and Health Education Lead	
Mrs Dyson and Mrs Woodhead – Pastoral Support	
Mrs Jones – Online Safety Lead	
Miss Cooper – Special Educational Needs Coordinator	
Mrs Brown – Assistant Head and Deputy DSL	
Mrs Jane Topham – safeguarding Governor	
Mrs Hartley and Mrs Costello – Attendance Leads	
Mrs Hopkinson – Before and After School Club – Deputy DSL	

**If you are concerned about the safety of a child, act!**  
 Our Named Persons for Child Protection are Alice Jones, Gillian Dyson, Caroline Auty, Joanne Brown, Laura Woodhead, Oliver Thurlby and Janet Hopkinson

Useful phone numbers:  
 School – 01535 642271  
 Social Services Initial Contact Point 01274 437500  
 NSPCC – 0800 800 5000  
 West Yorkshire Police – 101 or 999

### Stranger Danger

We are working hard with the children sharing the dangers of being out and about in the village when it is dark. We discuss what we can do to keep safe and be seen. We also discuss stranger danger with them. Please discuss this with your children too.



-  A child means everyone under the age of 18.
-  Children need the right help at the right time to address risks
-  Remember 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned.
-  We are all responsible for the welfare of children and keeping the environment safe, whatever our job.

### What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as: protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.



### What do I need to do?

-  **ALWAYS ACT**  
In the best interests of the child. Never promise confidentiality.
-  **KNOW HOW**  
to identify children who may benefit from early help.
-  **KNOW THE DIFFERENT**  
types of abuse and neglect, so that you can identify children who may be in need of help or protection.

-  Know what to do if a child tells you they are being abused or neglected.
-  Know who the Designated Safeguarding Lead is and talk to them as soon as you are concerned.

-  Everyone must read: Keeping Children Safe in Education Part One and Annex A, Child Protection policy, Staff behaviour policy
-  Any staff member can make a referral to children's social care, but they should inform the designated safeguarding lead as soon as possible.
-  If a teacher finds **Genital Mutilation** appears to have been carried out on a girl under the age of 18, the teacher must report this to the police.
-  All concerns, discussions and decisions made and the reasons for those decisions should be recorded in writing.

### Staff Behaviour

If you are concerned about the behaviour of any staff member, you should speak to the headteacher. Concerns about the headteacher should be referred to the Chair of Governors.

### Whistleblowing

If you're worried about poor or unsafe safeguarding practices, or potential failures in the school, talk to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, your senior leader or the Chair of Governors. If you feel unable to talk someone in school, you can call the NSPCC whistleblowing helpline on 0800 028 0285 or email: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)