

Creswell C of E Infant and Nursery School

Safeguarding Newsletter

Autumn 2016

This is the first of our planned termly safeguarding newsletters. The aim of this newsletter is to communicate key information with parents concerning ways in which you can safeguard your own children at home as well as continually demonstrating our commitment to working with parents and pupils to actively promote safeguarding and welfare.

If you have any concerns about a child, then please do not hesitate to contact one of our Safeguarding Team listed below:

Mrs A Dodd : Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs E Furness: Designated Safeguarding Deputy and Head of School Care

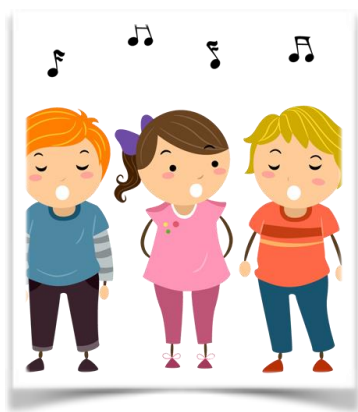
Mrs J Hamilton: Health and Safety Officer

Mrs M Froggatt: Our governor with responsibility for safeguarding

Mrs A Hogg: Anti- Bullying Governor

Photographs and Videos

We recognise that parents attending school events like to capture the memories and often take photographs/ videos. Class Assemblies, Star Assembly and Christmas concerts are all special events that we would like you to enjoy. We are very careful, as part of our online safety policy in school, that we gain parents' permission for use of images in publications and on our website. Some parents do not give their permission for a variety of reasons.



We ask that parents do not put any images that may contain other people's children onto social networking websites.

Pushchairs

Please note, due to fire regulations, pushchairs are not allowed in the hall.



Parking at School

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all of our parents about parking safely. Please do not use private driveways for turning or parking. The spar car park is ideal for parking close to school and walking the short distance up the hill.

Safe and Sensible Gaming

Age appropriate games can be fun for your child and can provide learning in the home. Please remember that not all games are suitable for infant children and note games have age ratings for a reason. Ignoring ratings can subject your child to images that emotionally they are not ready for. We are increasingly aware that some infant children either play on or watch adults playing on games with age 18 ratings.



- As parents you can take direct control of what games your children play at home, how they play them and for how long through parental controls on video game systems such as the Xbox or PlayStation
- Choosing and playing video games as a family is the best way to understand and enjoy them together
- The stories, worlds and characters in video games offer playful ways to engage with a wide range of subjects and fuels creativity, interests and imagination
- The askaboutgames.com website provides further information about video games ratings and offers real family stories and suggestions on how video games can be a creative and collaborative experience for all the family
- We also recommend that all parents visit the CEOP Think U Know website for more information on keeping your child safe online www.thinkuknow.co.uk

A useful site to find out about the content of games can be found here:

<http://gamesratingauthority.org/GRA/>

Attendance

Good attendance goes hand in hand with high attainment. It has been proven that children who attend school with an attendance of 95% and above make better progress and achieve higher results than children whose attendance falls below 90%. **Attendance falling below 90% is now classed as persistent absence**, previously it was 85%. We are determined to improve our attendance figure but can only do this with your help by ensuring your child is at school, on time, every day. We ask that parents support us to achieve this target by not taking children out of school during term time and ensuring the office has a copy of any documentation for medical visits. Letters will be sent out to the parents of children with below 90% attendance to arrange a meeting to discuss ways of improving attendance. **We are sure if we work together we can achieve national expectations!**

For more information on Safeguarding please visit our website and look at our Safeguarding tab.

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