

Mawsley CP School Newsletter– Safeguarding at the Heart of Our Community



Welcome to the first Safeguarding Newsletter of 2022 – 2023, especially for all our new parents and carers. These termly updates are to inform everybody in our school community about safeguarding matters, which we hope you find informative and useful.

New Year, New Training

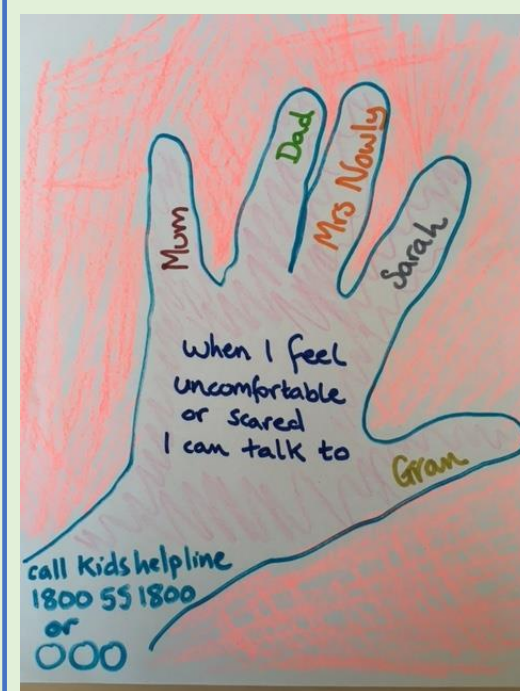
Everyone in our staff team family began this new academic year with our usual annual safeguarding training. This year, it focused on the changes to ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’ for 2022 and provided opportunities for activities and discussion, in order to deepen our safeguarding knowledge and understanding. This helps to maintain everyone’s safety and wellbeing in our school community, as safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility.



Protective Behaviours

‘Protective Behaviours’ forms the basis of our PSHE curriculum, which is taught from Reception – Year 6. Main themes include the teaching of how to spot early warning signs, creating a network hand that will help a child to access safe people and to know the biological names of body parts.

A question that some parents ask us is: *Why are children taught the names for body parts? Is it really necessary?* Sadly, previous serious case reviews have documented incidents where children who had experienced abuse, tried to tell an adult, but unfortunately because they had nicknames for body parts, nobody understood that the children were trying to report abuse and their voices were not heard. For example, references to, ‘touching my friend’s lollipop’ could be easily misunderstood by adults. Therefore, we empower our children to have full knowledge of their bodies, and in order to safeguard them, they learn all the biological names of their body parts, so they can clearly tell trusted adults in their lives about any potential abuse. This is alongside teaching children that people must consent to be touched by others e.g. when giving a hug or a kiss.



New Families – Welcome!

This is our Mawsley CP School safeguarding team.

Miss Harris is our school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, and all other staff are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Please contact the school, if you would like to speak to a member of staff about a safeguarding issue.



Our Safeguarding Leads:

Miss Harris: Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Cox: Deputy Headteacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Tedore: Assistant Headteacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Groom: Family Support Worker & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Weston: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead for Online Safety

Mrs De La Salle: PSHE Lead & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Pattle: Foundation Stage Leader & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

'The well-being of pupils is at the heart of all the school does. As a result, there is a strong culture of safeguarding.'

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Out of Hours Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child outside of school hours, please contact the MASH team on 0300 126 1000 (option 1) or e-mail them at MASH@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk

If you think a child is in immediate danger or missing, please contact the police and/or an ambulance directly by phoning 999