



PUTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Safeguarding Newsletter



Autumn 2, 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 the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999

Meet the Designated Safeguarding Team:

The Safeguarding Team oversee and co-ordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs V Prowle



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:



Mr C Pickard Miss N Chinnery

School Safeguarding Governors:

Mr L Donohoe

All can be contacted via the office or by telephone on:
01582 728262

For a copy of our school's Child Protection Policy, please visit the Safeguarding page on our [school website](#):



Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome to the second safeguarding newsletter of the year!

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly this term goes. After the long summer holiday, the Autumn feels like it will stretch on and on but, before we know it, the new Foundation Stage children are settled, confident and happy and some amazing work has appeared on the walls around the school.

With the evenings drawing in and the various autumnal festivals in full swing, I'm sure many minds will soon be turning towards Christmas (if they haven't already with the shops getting their displays up and starting to sell lots of goodies!). Whilst this time of year can be exciting, we know that for many it can also be challenging for many reasons. Please remember that we are here to support all of our families but particularly those who may find the coming months difficult. Do get in touch with Mrs Kilbey if there is anything we can do to make it easier. From financial assistance with shoe vouchers or food bank referrals to a bit of moral support and or a listening ear, she will be available. Equally, if there is anything we can do to support any children who are struggling, please let us know.

Mrs V Prowle (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Report any concerns if you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused. Please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead, or any member of staff. You can also contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on:

☎: 01582 547653

Out of Hours service: 0300 300 8123

✉ MASH@luton.gov.uk

Or make an online referral via the website:

https://directory.luton.gov.uk/kb5/luton/directory/service.page?id=aJZE_O SgZfQ

Useful Safeguarding Acronyms and Vocabulary

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

MASH: Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

CP: Child Protection

ChN: Child in Need

FPT: Family Partnership Team

TAF: Team Around the Family

CEOP: Child Exploitation and On-Line Protection Centre

KCSIE: Keeping Children Safe in Education

PREVENT: Part of the Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn in to extremism

CAMHS: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

CHUMS: Mental Health and Wellbeing Service

SEND: Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Did you know?

New analysis of road casualty data by 'Brake' revealed that every 19 days the equivalent of a whole class of young children is killed or seriously injured on Britain's roads.



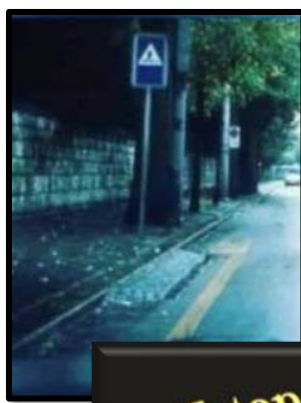
BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN!

We are always mindful for the safety of our children near roads and conscious of how vulnerable they can be.

At this time of year, with reduced visibility for drivers your child is even more vulnerable near roads. With new bikes and scooters arriving at Christmas for some, the temptation to go out in the evening will be even stronger so I have included some safety tips below so that you can discuss with your child/ren how important it is to be visible when near roads.

These tips emphasise how wearing brightly coloured clothing shows up well in daylight but, as it gets dark, reflective clothing and accessories are far more effective in signalling pedestrians or cyclists to drivers.

If you're a driver, remember it will be more difficult for you to see pedestrians and cyclists when it's dark. Unlike this image, not everyone will be dressed in bright colours or reflective clothing. Children and others often wear dark coloured school uniform, winter coats or blazers.



There's a child in the same position on both photos (left). Which one is easier to see

For more information and activities to do around this topic with your child(ren) please visit:
<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/>



5 top tips on how to **BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 – 'Choose Respect'

This year, Anti-Bullying week will be taking place from **Monday 11th to Friday 15th November** with the theme 'Choose Respect.' This has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which co-ordinates the week every year in England. Those that took part in the consultation wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Here at Putteridge we will be focussing on the actions we can take to Choose Respect and what we can do to stop bullying as well as taking part in **Odd Socks Day** again on **Tuesday 12th November** (more details to follow in a separate letter).

There is a **FREE** Parent and Carer pack to help you bring the event to life at home which will help you start the conversation about bullying no matter the age of your child(ren). This can be found [here](#).

As parents and carers, we all want our children to be happy and safe, and it is natural to worry about bullying – particularly if we have experienced it ourselves or think our child may be more vulnerable. The good news is you are not alone! The Anti-Bullying Alliance and its members are there to work with children, families and schools to help keep children safe.

Definition of bullying:

“The **repetitive, intentional** hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.

“ - **Anti-Bullying Alliance**

Bullying behaviour can be:

- Physical – pushing, poking, kicking, hitting, biting, pinching etc.
- Verbal – name calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, threats, teasing, belittling
- Emotional – isolating others, tormenting, hiding books, threatening gestures, ridicule, humiliation, intimidation, exclusion, manipulation and coercion
- Sexual – unwanted physical contact, inappropriate touch, abusive comments, homophobic abuse, exposure to inappropriate online content or film
- Online / cyber – posting on social media, sharing photos, sending nasty text messages, social exclusion
- Indirect – can include the exploitation of individuals





Fireworks can be great fun for families, not just around November 5th (Bonfire/Guy Fawkes Night) but also for Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year. Yet, despite annual safety warnings, firework celebrations still end in painful injuries for many people including very young children.

Injury figures support the advice that the safest place to enjoy fireworks is at a large public display but, if you'll be having a firework party at home, you can make the occasion fun and safe for everyone by following the **Firework Code** and some sparkler safety tips.

Firework Code

Only adults should set up firework displays, light the fireworks and safely dispose of them once they've been used. Children and young people should be closely supervised and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance:

1. *Plan your display to make it safe and enjoyable, and check the times you can legally set off fireworks*
2. *In England, Scotland and Wales, only buy fireworks which carry a CE marking or the UKCA mark which demonstrates that the product has been tested to the required safety standard. Keep your fireworks in a closed box and used them one at a time.*
3. *Read and follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch if necessary*
4. *Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back*
5. *Keep naked flames (including cigarettes) away from fireworks*
6. *Never return to a firework once it has been lit*
7. *Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them*
8. *Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators*
9. *Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire*
10. *Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving*



Extra tips for Sparklers



- ✓ *It is recommended that sparklers are not given to under-5s*
- ✓ *Make sure everyone handling sparklers is wearing gloves*
- ✓ *Hold sparklers at arm's length while being lit and light them one at a time*
- ✓ *Don't wave sparklers about next to other people*
- ✓ *Never hold a baby in your arms while you are holding a sparkler*
- ✓ *When the sparkler has finished, put it in a bucket of water*