

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER



DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS

The designated safeguarding leads (DSLs) for our school are:



Mrs Simrit Otway
(DSL)



Mrs Heather Hulme
(DDSL)



Mrs Dominique Meier
(DDSL)

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

Please speak to a member of our safeguarding team if you are worried about a child. Our safeguarding team liaise with children's social care and other external agencies to support families.

Our safeguarding team are here to listen, help and support your family.

They can be contacted via the school office or by telephone: 01256 389278

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

Our school Safeguarding Governor is Penny Parkinson.

Preston Candover CE Primary School

Summer Term 2025

Welcome to the final edition of our termly safeguarding newsletter from the Preston Candover CE Primary School Safeguarding Team. In this edition, we reflect on some of the safeguarding related activities that have taken place in school over the last term and with the summer holidays fast approaching, we will also focus on staying safe over the summer holidays.

NSPCC: Speak Out, Stay Safe

This term, our pupils participated in NSPCC's Speak Out, Stay Safe programme which aims to empower primary school children to speak out against abuse and neglect. Pupils took part in assemblies and completed various activities in class. Years 2, 5 and 6 also took part in a workshop led by NSPCC volunteers. Our children demonstrated an impressive understanding of how to stay safe, both online and in the real world and a very good knowledge of how to get help should the need arise. They have identified who their 'safe adults' are and are now more confident with knowing the childline phone number and how to use the child line website.



Road Safety

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils participated in a road safety webinar this term delivered by Hampshire County Council. We chose to take part in this initiative to help prepare our older pupils for increased independence, particularly as they transition to secondary school or begin walking to school on their own or with friends.



Our Junior Road Safety Officers have received training to support their peers in promoting safe practices on the road. They recently led a whole-school assembly focused on key road safety messages. To help reinforce these messages in a fun and memorable way, children learnt a song. Please follow the link to listen to song at home which may help to reinforce key messages: [Road Safety Song on YouTube](#)

We also recommend this useful website from Brake (the road safety charity), which offers practical advice for parents and families on walking, cycling and driving safely: [Brake Road Safety Advice](#)

Water Safety

As the weather warms up and families begin to spend more time near rivers, lakes, beaches or swimming pools, it's important to remind children about the dangers associated with water. Whether on holiday or playing near water locally, children should always be supervised closely, even if they can swim. Open water can be unpredictable, with hidden currents, cold temperatures and sudden changes in depth presenting serious risks.

We encourage all parents to talk to their children about water safety and to set clear rules when near or in water. The Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) provides excellent guidance for families on how to stay safe in and around water, including tips on supervision, swimming skills and emergency responses.

Useful resources:

- **RLSS UK Water Safety Advice for Parents:** <https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-information>
- **Canal and River Trust:** <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/support-us/our-campaigns/safety-on-our-waterways/water-safety-tips-for-parents>
- **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Service:** <https://www.hantsfire.gov.uk/safety/safety-outdoors/on-and-around-water/>

- **Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership:** <https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/>

Teach your children the Water Safety Code

STOP & THINK

Look for the dangers. Always read the signs and understand what they mean.

STAY TOGETHER

Never go near water on your own. Always have an adult with you.

FLOAT

If you fall in, float or swim on your back and stay calm. Throw something that floats to someone who has fallen in.

CALL 999 or 112

In an emergency call 999 or 112 (coastguard)

By working together, we can help keep children safe and ensure they enjoy the water responsibly this summer.

Staying Home Alone

There is no legal age a child can be left at home alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk. We would recommend leaving a child younger than 12 years old with family, a friend or in childcare.

Every child matures differently, and because of this, it would be almost impossible to have a "one size fits all" law. As your child gets older, talk to them about how they feel about being left home alone. If they're worried, work out what parts of being home alone worry them. Do they feel safe in the neighbourhood? Are they afraid of the dark? Talk about anything that's bothering them and discuss a solution. Understanding why they don't feel comfortable will give you an idea of how to help –or why they might not be ready to be left alone. It would be unwise to leave them at home alone if they are not comfortable with the idea. The NSPCC have developed a questionnaire that may be useful in deciding whether to leave your child home alone. Follow the link below to access the quiz and for more guidance on this topic:

[Leaving Your Child Home Alone - Advice | NSPCC](#)

Online Safety- 'Discord' and 'Among Us'

We are aware that some of our pupils are using 'Discord' and 'Among Us' at home. We have attached some safety guidance posters about both of these platforms to provide our parents with more information.

Please look at the attached poster for more tips about how to stay safe online over the summer.



Smartphone Free Childhood



We mentioned in our previous Headteacher newsletter about a national movement aimed at tackling the problem that smartphones are creating for our children. The aim of 'Smartphone Free Childhood' is to change the current culture of "everybody has a phone so my child needs one", thereby protecting our children from the serious challenges and safeguarding issues that smartphones present.

We would encourage parents to attend the final of the three webinars on **Wednesday July 16th at 7:30 pm**, irrespective of your child's age, to find out more about the impact of Smartphones. The sessions will last approximately one hour.

Please see attached information regarding the webinars. Parents can register via the link and by scanning the QR code on our school website:

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Children's Attendance

At Preston Candover CE Primary, we believe there is a strong link between attendance and safeguarding. A child's absence from school can often be an early indicator of an increased need within a family and poor attendance can be a sign of a safeguarding concern. A child who is not in school is a child who is not achieving: development, social and emotional wellbeing and safety may all be compromised. It is important that if a child is going to be absent from school, parents call in every day throughout the absence. We also ask that any unavoidable planned absences are recorded in advance on an absence form which can be collected from the school office. As a reminder, parents are legally responsible for ensuring their child's attendance at school. Holidays taken during term time will be marked as unauthorised and could lead to fines or legal action.

PSHE- Recommended Reads

Please find below some recommended texts to support some of the PSHE topics taught this term in school. These books feature the topic of growing up and transitions.



PSHE

Please see our school website for the PSHE Long Term Plan, Curriculum Overview and Class Topic Cycle Overviews for more information about what your child will be learning in PSHE including the vocabulary.

You can also find a copy of our RSHE Policy [Preston Candover CE Primary School - PSHE](#)

Do we have your latest details?

Have you informed school you have moved house?
Do you have a new contact number?
We need at least 2 emergency contact numbers.
Do we hold the latest information about your child's medical needs?

Please update your details via the admin team.

As always, if you have any safeguarding queries or concerns, please come and talk to one of the safeguarding team.

Have a wonderful summer,

The Safeguarding Team.