

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term Part 1 Safeguarding Newsletter. Safeguarding the children within our school continues to be at the top of our agenda and is at the core of the work we do. Working with parents and our local community is key to ensuring your children are kept safe. We hope this newsletter continues to provide you with up to date and relevant information. As always, please do let us know if there is anything specific you would like to know more about.

Smoking and Vaping

As you know we have a strict rule of no smoking on the school premises. This rule also applies to vaping, please do not smoke or vape on school premises.



We also ask you to be mindful where you smoke outside the school gates, a number of concerned parents have highlighted to us that they are walking past several smokers directly outside the school gates.

Please also be aware that you cannot smoke in a car (yes, even your own) if one of the passengers is a child under 12.

Children being left alone in cars

In a previous newsletter we told you about the laws and advice on leaving children at home alone especially over school holidays. We would like you to read the following information carefully and pass onto everybody you know who has a young baby / toddler.

The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](#) says:

- children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for a long period of time
- children under 16 shouldn't be left alone overnight
- Babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone this includes being left alone in a car.



Parents can be prosecuted if they leave a child unsupervised 'in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health'.

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Domestic Abuse

Recent articles in the news have highlighted the impact of domestic abuse on children. We understand that it can be extremely difficult to seek help and support, however, please do contact school if we can help in any way. Alternatively there are also some websites and phone numbers below that you can contact. Please remember if you are in immediate danger always call the police; they have a duty to protect and help you. Please note on many of the websites below there are options to 'hide your visit'/'cover your tracks'.

Women's Aid Federation of England:

www.womensaid.org.uk

Mankind (supporting male victims of domestic violence, though it helps all callers regardless of sex, race or sexual orientation): Helpline 01823 334244 www.mankind.org.uk

Refuge (supporting women and children escaping domestic violence):

Helpline 0808 2000 247 (24 hours) www.refuge.org.uk

The Hideout (website for children and young people witnessing domestic violence)

www.thehideout.org.uk

We have created a secure email address so that you can send any concerns you have privately SecureDSL@oasisshortheath.org alternatively please speak to The Safeguarding Team



Mrs Atwal



Mrs Lee



Mr Darnley



Mrs East-Goodman

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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