

## Safeguarding Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to our latest edition of the Newsletter from the St. Nicholas Primary School Safeguarding Team. We aim to bring you all the latest, relevant help and advice we feel will be of importance to you.

Safeguarding & Child Protection is of paramount importance for the children of St. Nicholas that we have decided to have a termly newsletter that shares key information and advice with parents and carers, so that we can all work together with the same aim of keeping children safe in school, at home and in the wider community.

We are proud to announce that we received the ABA Anti-bullying award last year. Our school councillors and well-being ambassadors worked alongside Miss Mowforth to achieve this.



## Safeguarding Poster

A colorful poster with a red border. At the top center is the St. Nicholas Primary School logo, which features a cross with two children holding hands. The text "ST. NICHOLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL" is written around the logo. The poster is titled "Our Safeguarding Team" in large, bold letters. It includes several callouts and images: a speech bubble asking "Need help?", a speech bubble asking "Need someone to talk to?", a group photo of "All staff" with the text "We are all here to support you.", a photo of "Mrs Leaf &amp; Mrs Wood" with their roles: "I am Mrs Leaf, the Designated Safeguarding Lead." and "I am Mrs Wood, the Deputy Safeguarding and ELSA lead.", a "Worry Monster" character with the text "Remember I am available on our website too!", a photo of the "Our safeguarding team" including the "PSHE lead", "E-safety coordinator", and "Attendance officers", and a callout for the NSPCC with the text "Speak out. Stay Safe! 0800 1111." and "Make sure you keep up to date with our safeguarding board. This is located at the school entrance." The NSPCC logo is also present, featuring a green alien character and the text "NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe."

## **E Safety**

E Safety is of paramount importance to you. We will be putting on another parent workshop to support you in keeping your children safe online. Dates to follow.

Children have told staff about them receiving mean and hurtful comments on Robloxs. We have had many conversations with the children about keeping safe online and reporting concerns.

### **Is there chat on Roblox, and is it safe?**

Roblox encourages users to interact through its Chat & Party function. All chat is filtered, which means inappropriate language is replaced by symbols. Chatting for accounts of kids under 13 is more heavily filtered. Roblox also employs human monitors who keep an eye out for inappropriate language and content. However, even with the monitors and filtered chat, people have figured out ways to bypass this, so knowing who you're talking to is vital for safe interaction. Please follow this link for more information: <https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-roblox> This link is also helpful for reporting: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/what-does-the-report-button-do/>

If you would like to find out more about online safety, please access the recommended links below:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- <https://www.familylives.org.uk/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>
- <https://www.childnet.com/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

## **School Council**

Miss Buckley and Miss Dale are working with our School Councillors to deliver important assemblies linked to our safeguarding calendar. This half term we will be taking part in a 'Well Lunchbox Challenge' looking at how to keep your lunchbox healthy.



### **What is happening this term?**

PSHE Education (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) is a planned programme of learning through which children and young people acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to successfully manage their lives – now and in the future. This term, our units are 'Being me in my World' and 'Celebrating Differences'.

Being Me In My World covers a wide range of topics, including a sense of belonging, welcoming others and being part of a school community, a wider community, and a global community; it also looks at children's rights and responsibilities, working and socialising with others, and pupil voice.

Celebrating Difference focuses on similarities and differences and teaches about diversity, such as disability, racism, power, friendships, and conflict; children learn to accept everyone's right to 'difference', and most year groups explore the concept of 'normality'. Anti-bullying, including cyber and homophobic bullying, is an important aspect of this Puzzle

As well as our PSHE curriculum, we also have a safeguarding calendar. Across this term, we will raise awareness for:

- International Day of Democracy – 15.09
- International Week of Deaf People 19.09
- European Day of Languages – 26.09
- Black History Month - October

- White Ribbon - October
- Diwali
- World Mental Health Day – 10.10
- World Values Day – 19.10
- Interfaith week 12.11
- Anti-bullying week – 13.11
- Children in Need – 17.11
- Road Safety Week – 19.11
- Remembrance – 11.11
- Bonfire night – 5.11
- Human Rights Day – 10.12

### NSPCC – Speak out. Stay safe.

We are still participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online programme. Which consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom-based activities. Speak out. Stay safe. is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the United Kingdom. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way.

### What can you read at home?



### Useful contacts:

- **Women's Aid:** [helpline@womensaid.org.uk](mailto:helpline@womensaid.org.uk)
- **Andy's Mans Club:** [info@andysmanclub.co.uk](mailto:info@andysmanclub.co.uk) – talking groups for men to help you through those storms
- **Early Help and Safeguarding Hub (EHASH):** 01482 448879
- **Preston Road Women's Centre:** 01482 790310
- **Kids Hull SENDIASS:** 01482 467541 – advice and support for parents relating to education, health and social care for families of children and young people aged 0 – 25 in Hull.
- **Hull Food Bank Distribution Centre:** 01482 224783

### **Contact Information**

- School contact: Mrs S Leaf on **01482 444215**, [admin@stnicholas.het.academy](mailto:admin@stnicholas.het.academy)
- If your concern is urgent and there is an immediate risk of harm, then please contact the police on 999
- If your concern is less urgent but you are worried about the welfare of the child, then please contact the Early Help and Safeguarding Hub for Hull on **01482 448879**