

# Ruislip Gardens Primary School



## Safeguarding Newsletter December 2019

*Enjoying Learning*

Welcome to the final Safeguarding Newsletter for 2019. As always, we remain committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and would urge you to contact us if you have any safeguarding concerns. You can contact us in person, via telephone or by emailing [safeguarding@ruislipgardensschool.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ruislipgardensschool.co.uk) which is an email account only accessed by the Designated Safeguarding Leads.

### Safeguarding Team



Miss N Bullpett

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss O'Neill

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Wilson

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Elsworth

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Christmas Presents

If you are purchasing a mobile phone, Xbox or PlayStation for your child this Christmas, please ensure the correct security settings are installed.

You may also be buying games for these platforms and again, we'd respectfully request that the games are age appropriate. We often use the website [www.commonssensemedia.org](http://www.commonssensemedia.org) which contains a helpful parents guide to all games and apps. It offers reviews and handy tips to discuss with your child.

We've attached a WhatsApp Parents Guide to this newsletter which gives parents useful information on this popular app which now has a minimum age of 16 years old.



## Hillingdon MASH

In line with our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, we refer disclosures from children to Hillingdon MASH. MASH stands for Multi-Agency Safeguarding hub. The team is made up of various professionals from Social Care, the Police, Domestic Abuse agencies etc and they provide advice as to the best course of action. Sometimes we will be asked to seek further information from a child or parent, and other times, we may need to wait for a Social Worker to arrive at school.

If you have concerns about the welfare of a child, you can also contact MASH on 01895 556644 or [lbhmask@hillingsdon.gov.uk](mailto:lbhmask@hillingsdon.gov.uk)

## Domestic Abuse

One in seven (14.25%) children and young people under the age of 18 will have lived with domestic abuse at some point in their childhood.

We are proud to be part of Operation Encompass which directly connects the Police to our school. If the Police attend a domestic abuse incident we are notified so we are able to support the child and react to their needs.

In the New Year, staff will receive further Domestic Abuse training and children in years 5 and 6 will attend an anti-violence assembly delivered by Stand Against Violence.

## Playground Supervision

All children in Year 2 and below **must** be accompanied by an adult in the mornings and remain supervised until they have entered the school building.

## Safer Internet Day

This will be held on 11th February 2020.