



Ruislip Gardens Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and requires all staff and volunteers to share that commitment. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please approach one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Safeguarding Team



Miss Bulpett

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss O'Neill

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Cox

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Wilson

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Elsworth

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

A Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) has responsibility for child protection issues in school. There is usually a DSL available from 7.30am to 5.30pm to discuss any safeguarding concerns. DSLs receive regular training to work with children, parents, families, staff and safeguarding agencies. DSLs manage referrals and investigate concerns alerting the correct bodies as necessary.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is the educational policy of this School and the Government that children should not be absent from school without good reason. This would usually mean through sickness or unavoidable emergency/family situations. We also monitor for patterns of absence such as high absence rates on Fridays or at the beginning or end of terms. It is also imperative that your child arrives on time for school. Children in Year 3 to Year 6, can arrive between 8.35-8.45am. Children in nursery to Year 2, can arrive in school between 8.40-8.50am. Registers are taken promptly at 8.45am and 8.50am so please allow time for your child to reach their classroom. Lateness can cause your child to feel embarrassed, also they often miss the input of the lesson which can lead to gaps in their learning. If you would like help to increase your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Thompson, our Welfare and Attendance Officer or a member of the Safeguarding team.

WhatsApp

Lots of children with mobile phones are regularly using this application to message their friends. Whilst there are many positive aspects to this, we strongly suggest that parents and carers regularly monitor conversations to check the content of conversations. Children can be added to groups without prior consent and may be added to a group where they don't know all the participants. It's worth reminding your child that if they feel uncomfortable with who is in a group chat or the content, then they should speak to you immediately. Children should also be aware of their digital footprint. Anything they say or share can be copied, re-shared and posted online. Sometimes WhatsApp can be used to say mean things about other children and we would urge you to discuss this with your child before it escalates to cyber bullying.

Cycling Helmets

Unfortunately we are still having to remind children to wear cycling helmets when riding their bikes to and from school. Please ensure that your child wears a helmet **every time** they ride their bike. It could save their life.

