

# Ruislip Gardens Primary School



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## Safeguarding Newsletter December 2018

Welcome to the first edition of our Safeguarding Newsletter. 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. Through regular newsletters, we will share topics of interest with you to safeguard your children.

### Meet the 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

## What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding relates to keeping children safe in a variety of ways. The more well-known areas are protecting children from neglect, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse, radicalisation, extremist behaviour, FGM and bullying.

However in our newsletters we will also cover topics such as meeting the needs of children with medical conditions, social network sites and internet safety to name a few.



## Attendance

We continuously monitor our attendance figures as our target is 96%. If a child's attendance drops below 90%, they are considered to be a persistent absentee. We have supportive measures in place to aid parents increase their child's attendance however, if the parent does not engage and we don't see an increased attendance pattern, it will be viewed as neglect and referred to the necessary agencies. 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.

## Mobile Phones

Only year 6 children who walk home alone are permitted to bring their mobile phones into school and these must be handed into the office prior to entering the playground.

Please check your child's phone regularly to ensure they are sending and receiving age appropriate messages. Check any downloaded apps and set tight parental controls. Remind your child what they may say in a message to their peers can be as hurtful as saying it to them in person.

## Internet Safety

With Christmas looming, you may be considering purchasing new video games or consoles. Please respect the suggested age ratings as they are there for a reason. Remain mindful that some games have chat rooms so despite a child friendly age rating, your child may be exposed to inappropriate language and material. The NSPCC have produced a useful tip sheet which is attached to this newsletter. More parental information can be found at [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) and [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)

Help your kids stay safe online.  
Work as a **TEAM**

