



SAFEGUARDING is everyone's responsibility

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Safeguarding Definition:

- Protecting children from maltreatment.
- Preventing impairment of children's health and development.
- Ensuring children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

There is nothing more important than safeguarding our children.

Schools have very strict guidelines on how to safeguard children and we work very hard as a school to ensure we follow procedures in regards to training our staff on all things safeguarding. There are many documents that we have to write and adhere to around safeguarding.

Some of the documents of paramount importance to us as a school are:

1. Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022
2. Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018
3. Pinewood Child Protection Policy

All of these can be found on the school website so please take a look.

At Pinewood we do lots of work to keep children safe including:

- We attend external safeguarding training every 3 years (last attended 11th January 2023)
- We run an annual staff refresher training meeting
- We engage in frequent discussions around safeguarding in staff meetings
- We write a safeguarding action plan
- The Head Teacher and Safeguarding Governor (who is also the Killisick Junior School safeguarding governor) meet termly regarding all things safeguarding
- We use CPOMs an electronic system to log concerns
- We have useful safeguarding information for staff to access on TEAMS and a safeguarding noticeboard
- The Head Teacher attends Designated Safeguarding Lead meetings termly
- The Head Teacher attends and sits on the Nottinghamshire safeguarding Partnership as a Head Teacher representative
- We educate the children into how they can keep themselves safe through assemblies and our PSHE curriculum

DATE FOR DIARY!

May the 4th

**Please join Miss Reilly at 2:15 pm for an E-SAFETY training event.
May the Fourth be with you to keep your children safe Online!
Flier to follow but please save the date.**





We do a lot of work with our children at school regarding staying safe online and they should be able to tell you about our school SMART rules. Please ask them about them and see what they remember!

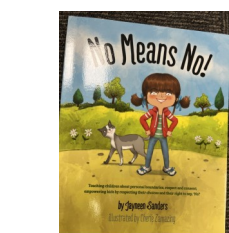
Gaming: Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or even sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks 'normalising' to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat. It is worth thinking about.

Age-inappropriate Content: "Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways — from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

How can parents/carers support?

Connect, don't correct—If your child has been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake- but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised.

Talk it through—Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched or played. Remind your children they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Talk to your child about the games that are age-appropriate for them, explaining why.



We work with our children about the Pants rule designed by the NSPCC. This teaches children about appropriate and inappropriate touch in a very child friendly way. The NSPCC 'Talk PANTS' activity pack: www.nspcc.org.uk/pants is available on their website if you want to have a look.

In addition to this their website has some useful information about how to talk with children about appropriate behavior. Children can be interested in 'private parts' at this age and many behaviours are what we call 'green' age appropriate behaviours—but they still require a response. How you can help at home: talk to your child about our bodies and appropriate behavior but never make them feel ashamed for being interested and inquisitive in their own body and the body of others. This is perfectly normal. But we need to teach them what is appropriate and inappropriate behavior so they learn what is socially acceptable and what is not.

We work with the children on keeping happy and safe, educating them in an age appropriate way about stranger danger. We read books with the children such as 'No Means No'. We have a collection of books in our entrance area that we use with the children should you ever wish to come and see them.

Please contact me if you would like any more information around safeguarding . Thanks for reading . Ms Otter