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SAFEGUARDING TERMLY UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

At Aqueduct Primary, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Anyone who comes in to contact with children and their families has a role to play. As part of that, we are going to send out a new termly safeguarding newsletter informing you of any recent safeguarding news as well as providing you with key details around a range of safeguarding issues. This term's safeguarding update will focus on the Designated Safeguarding Leads, Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021 and the theme of online safety.

Keeping Children Safe in Education is a statutory Department for Education document which all schools must follow when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It covers many aspects of safeguarding including different forms of abuse, early help processes, safe recruitment, how concerns must be reported and the role of the Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Click here for the full document.

[Keeping children safe in education 2021
\(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97822/keeping-children-safe-in-education-2021.pdf)



If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away. The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Aqueduct Primary:

- Mrs Lockley
- Mrs Clarke
- Mrs Duppa
- Mr Palin
- Miss Harrow
- Mrs Batchelor

They can be contacted via the school office 386210 or

Email: a2175@telford.gov.uk

For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding 2021 Policy, please visit the 'Safeguarding' page on our school website

Please report any concerns
If you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused - please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead, or any member of staff. You can also contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Family Connect on: 01952 385385.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999

Safeguarding Governor

Our Safeguarding Governor is Louise Aubrey. The safeguarding governor's responsibilities include: - Behaviour and recruitment of both staff and volunteers, ensuring the school is following safe recruitment procedures. - Reviewing all activity and policy relating to the physical and emotional well-being of all children. - Seeking improvement to ensure the school follows best practice in creating a productive and safe environment for all.

Louise can be contacted via the school office.



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ON-LINE SAFETY

Using online facilities to help with learning, keep in contact with others and to give some 'down time' is part of all of our lives, but it is important that we all know how to keep children safe when doing so. The [Net Aware NSPCC website](#), has superb guides to the most popular apps, games and social media sites, along with strategies for how to keep your child safe when online.

Did you know?

All social networking platforms and apps have minimum age limits. Some social networks use technologies that might not be appropriate for some ages, or engage with communities that are made up of people much older than your child.

What are the risks of an underage social networking account?

Many sites include an instant message function which allows private conversations. Not everyone your child meets online will be who they say they are. - Most social networking sites have an app version, meaning your child will have access to the social network from their smartphone or tablet. Some app versions of social networks use the location of the phone. - Chat rooms and forums can connect people who are complete strangers and can be un-moderated. - Information shared between friends can be easily copied and may spread. - It isn't easy to take back information that has been posted - and can be impossible if it's already been shared. - Chat rooms and forums are one of the places online groomers go to connect with children. They can also be places where people use inappropriate language. This is sometimes done through video chat programmes.

What can I do to keep my child safe?

1. Think about online routines: Have a conversation with your child about online safety and agree some rules to help keep them safe.
2. Have a conversation about online pressures and cyberbullying: Remember to talk to your child about what they are doing online and who they are talking to. Check in with them regularly and remind them they can talk to you, another trusted adult, like a teacher, or a ChildLine counsellor about anything they are worried about.
3. Set up devices safely: Make sure you set it up with your child, exploring any safety features. Remember to use parental controls!
4. Keep children safe on conferencing apps: Supervise your child when they use these apps; remind your child not to share chat links or passwords on social media; explore any security features like how to report and block; talk to your child about what they are sharing.

In school we use the 3'Cs' to help teach on-line safety.

Conduct - how you behave online. What you say, what you do..

Content - what you use online, what apps do you use, what games do you play?

Contact - who do you speak to online? Do you send emails or messages? Do you talk on a microphone?



[CEOP](#) (Click to link) Child Exploitation and On-line Protection

If you have been a victim of online abuse or you're worried about somebody else, click this link for support. It really is simple.



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