

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM

OCTOBER 2020

NSPCC
'Learning'

Need-to-know: is my child ready to go out alone?

Getting the balance right between allowing children their independence and ensuring their safety when away from home can be difficult.

This guide provides advice and practical tips to parents on judging if a child is ready to be out on their own and how to prepare them for different situations such as walking to and from school by themselves, attending sports or holiday clubs, or going out to play with friends.

It explains the importance of parents talking to their children from a young age about the risks and how to stay safe when they're out alone, such as what to do if they're approached by a stranger, are bullied or get lost.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/out-alone>



Firework Safety— the basics



- Make sure children stand at a safe distance from the bonfire.
- Keep everyone well back from the display.
- Never return to a lit firework.
- Never throw fireworks
- Store fireworks in a closed metal box.
- Always follow the instructions when lighting fireworks.

Sparkler Safety

A sparkler can reach a temperature of up to 2,000 degrees Celsius—20 times the boiling point of water.

- Always hold sparklers at arm's length and wear gloves when handling them.
- Don't hold babies and young children while you're holding a sparkler—they can reach out unexpectedly and grab at them.
- Don't give sparklers to children under 5. They're too young to hold them safely and don't understand why they might be dangerous.
- Once sparklers are out, make sure you put them in a bucket of water.



The school has a Safeguarding Team who oversee all areas of school life. You can talk to any of them if you have a concern about your child or about another child.

Mrs Farndale is the DSL,

Mr Abbott is the DDSL,

**Mrs Alison Goodman is our Safeguarding
Governor**

Childline
0800 11 11