

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER—SPRING 1 2018



Godalming Junior School

This is the first of our NEW safeguarding newsletters. The aim of the newsletter is to communicate key information with parents concerning ways in which you can safeguard your own children as well as continually demonstrating our commitment to working with parents and pupils to actively promote the safeguarding and welfare of children. The newsletter will be pulled together by the Safeguarding Team including the school's Designated Safeguard Leads –Mr Samson, Mr Poole and Mrs Sutton as well as our governor responsible for safeguarding Mr Ben Nicholls. Our School Council will also have a key role in what goes into our newsletter.

We will also share with you the latest updates to our policies which can be found on the school website and latest news and updates from the local authority, the Surrey Safeguarding Board and Surrey Police.

Policy Updates

This term we have updated our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy which can be found on the school website. This is in line with Surrey recommended changes and is updated every year as it is a statutory policy that must be on all school websites.



Anti-Bullying at GJS

You may not be aware the school Anti-Bullying Policy can be found on the school website. A child-friendly version can also be found here and this term the School Council will be working closely with Mr Samson to update it. Each class have spent time during their PSHE and Circle Time sessions over the last couple of weeks discussing the policy, what it means to them, suggested changes and also reminding themselves of what bullying actually is and what everyone should do if they are concerned that any form of bullying is taking place. We will let you know our findings in due course!



Walking Home

If you are thinking of letting your child walk to and from school our Walking Home Policy can also be found on the school website with some suggestions to consider.



E-Safety

Age appropriate games can be fun for your child and can provide learning experiences in the home. However, not all games are suitable for junior school age children. We are increasingly aware that some children either play on or watch older siblings playing games which carry 18 ratings.

Top Tips:

- Choosing and playing video games as a family is the best way to understand and enjoy them together
- The website: www.askaboutgames.com provides further information about video games

