



CRESWELL JUNIOR SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER Autumn 2016

This is the first of our planned termly safeguarding newsletters. The aim of this newsletter is to communicate key information with you concerning ways in which you can safeguard your own children at home, as well as us continually demonstrating our commitment to working with parents, carers and pupils to actively promote safeguarding and welfare.

If you have any concerns about a child, then please do not hesitate to contact one of our safeguarding team listed below:

- Mrs. K. Adamski – Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs. A. Wilson – Designated Safeguarding Deputy
- Mr. A. Burton - Online Safety
- Mr. O. Jones - Head of Pastoral Care
- Ms. C. Goucher - Safeguarding and Anti-bullying Governor

We recognise that parents attending school events like to capture the memories and often take photographs and videos. We are very careful, as part of our online safety policy in school, that we gain parents' permission for use of images in publications and on our website. Some parents do not give their permission for a variety of reasons.

We ask that parents do not put any images that may contain other people's children onto social networking websites.



- School gates are locked at playtimes, lunchtimes and during P.E. If you need to come into school at these times please ring 01909 721260 and someone will come and let you in.
- All visitors to report to the main reception and not use the side doors.
- Visitors to sign in and read our school safeguarding procedures.

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance goes hand in hand with high attainment. It has been proven that children who attend school with an attendance of 95% and above make better progress and achieve higher results than children whose attendance falls below 90%. **Attendance falling below 90% is now classed as persistent absence.** We are determined to maintain our high level of attendance but can only do this with your help by ensuring your child is in school on time every day. We ask that parents support us by not taking children out of school during term time unless it is absolutely essential. An appointment card or letter must be shown for all medical appointments. Letters will be sent out to parents of children with attendance below 90% attendance or constant lateness to arrange a meeting to discuss possible solutions.



**COMPUTER
GAMES**
*Safe and
sensible
gaming*

Age appropriate games can be fun for your child and can provide learning in the home. Please remember that not all games are suitable for junior school children and note games have age ratings for a reason. Ignoring ratings can subject your child to images that emotionally they are not ready for. We are increasingly aware that some children either play on or watch adults playing on games with age 18 ratings.

As parents you can take control if what games as a family is the best way to understand and enjoy them together.

The stories, worlds and characters in video games offer playful ways to engage with a wide range of subjects and fuels creativity, interests and imagination.

The askaboutgames.com website provides further information about video games ratings and offers real family stories and suggestions on how video games can be a creative and collaborative experience for all the family.

We also recommend that all parents visit the CEOP Think U Know website for more information on keeping your child safe online

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

A useful site to find out about the content of games can be found on:

<http://gamesratingauthority.org/GRA/>

➤ **I have the right to speak out and stay safe, you have the right... We all have the right...**

- NSPCC, in partnership with O2, have a trained member of staff on site in all of their stores for children and parents for help and support. You do not need to be an O2 customer to use this free service.
- Childhood should be a time we're free to dream .Abuse can destroy that – but it never should. That's why we're here. Every year, with your support, we help keep one million children safe from abuse and neglect.
- We work directly with children and families across the country. Services like DART (Domestic Abuse, Recovering Together) help get lives back on track. And our helpline is there 24/7 for anyone worried about a child. When a child is free from abuse, they're free to dream again. Please help us to help more children.
- **Contact information...:**18 or under? ChildLine offers free, confidential advice and support whatever your worry, whenever you need help.
 - [0800 1111](tel:08001111) - Call us or email help@nspcc.org.uk. [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000)



Childline is a 24 hour counselling service for children and young people up to their 19th birthday in the UK provided by the NSPCC. Childline deals with any issues which causes distress or concern, common issues dealt with include child abuse, bullying, mental illness, parental separation or divorce, pregnancy and substance misuse.

There have been several incidents where children are riding their bikes and scooters around the playground after school. This can be dangerous so please ensure your child is supervised.



For more information regarding Safeguarding, please visit our website and look at our Safeguarding tab.
www.creswell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk