

Delapre Primary School

Safeguarding update

November 2021

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

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 Delapre Primary School:

- Mr Portrey
- Mr Casey
- Mrs Furniss (Family Support Officer)
- Mrs Leivers
- Mr Fisher
- Mrs Houghton

They can be contacted via the school number 01604 761456 or email - Safeguarding@delapre.northants.sch.uk

For a copy of our school's Safeguarding and Child Protection 2021 policy, please visit our school website.

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Dear Parents and Carers

At Delapre Primary School, Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of the Children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Anyone who comes into 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 terms newsletter will focus on the Designated Safeguarding Leads, reporting concerns and online safety.

Sallyann Furniss

Designated Safeguarding Lead/ Family Support Officer



Reporting 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 Hub (MASH) on

0300 126 7000

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

NSPCC 
HELPLINE
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

Ultimately, the role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is to act as the first point of contact for any Safeguarding or Child Protection incident or concern in the school and/or outside the school setting. Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- Making sure all staff are aware of how to raise safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any concerns to social care
- Monitoring children who are the subject of a Child Protection plan
- Maintaining accurate and secure Child Protection records
- Raising awareness of Delapre Primary School's Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, and ensuring they are implemented and reviewed regularly.

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.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Under 13



13+



16+



17+



A Guide to:

Online safety within the home



Set fair and consistent rules in relation to your child's internet use at home. As they get older, try to agree the rules with them so that they have some control over their digital world.

Teach your child to think critically about what they see, read or hear online. For young children encourage them to ask "what would Mum or Dad say about that"? As they get older they need to be able to assess for themselves whether they are in a risky online place and whether the information they are receiving is reliable and helpful to them.

It is much harder for people to empathise with each other when their communications are digital. It is why trolls find it easy to post horrible messages. Helping your child to understand that, and pause and think about the impact of messages or images posted online, will help them cope with some difficult behaviour they will come across and avoid getting caught up in it.

Maintain a positive outlook on your child's use of the internet. Whatever you think of what they watch, or the hours they spend on Instagram (13yrs +) or Youtube (13yrs +), if you constantly criticise the apps or games they love, they are not going to want to talk to you about their online life.

Children who can recover from an online mistake can learn and avoid making the same mistake again. You can help by making it easy for them to talk to you about their mishaps. **Try and keep calm and carry on! Think carefully about blocking apps or websites.** This can exacerbate the problem. Making sure they know where to go for help if they need it, and recognising if they are not recovering well so you can step in and help. Don't forget: Parents can also talk to their child's school about online safety.

Allow your child to explore and take charge of their online life. Having some control over any given situation is an important aspect of resilience – and, in particular, an important part of digital resilience. It is essential in helping them understand and develop their own sense of what is right and wrong online.

Great apps to download:

Netware aimed at parents highlighting different apps and games young people use.

Internet Matters (tablet only) is a fun interactive online safety quiz that can be used at home with children.

Youtube for kid's app aimed at young children

Setting up and implementing the 3 D's at home is vital

- Digital Free Zones - Keeping technology downstairs
- Digital role models - Parents lead by example online and with digital usage
- Digital Sunset - Young people need to be away from technology before they go to sleep



