

ST OSBURG'S

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

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Welcome to our first safeguarding newsletter.

Safeguarding and child welfare is everybody's responsibility. Everything we do at St Osburg's has the children at its centre. Their well-being, their safety, their happiness, their achievement underpins every decision we make so we thought why not create a dedicated newsletter to help families keep up to date on issues that might impact their children and signpost to support available.

We hope you enjoy reading it!



Our Safeguarding Team

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Types of Abuse



If you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL/DDSL), or any member of staff. You can also contact the Coventry Safeguarding Multi Agency Partnership (MASH) on **02476788555**.

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



Physical Punishment

Parents have the right to make choices about reasonable punishments, but there is a fine line between "reasonable chastisement" and assault (which is a criminal offence).

The law in the UK states a smack might be considered to be reasonable chastisement if it is open-handed and not with a fist or **any kind of implement**. We would however, **always** recommend an alternative way when managing behaviour at home. If you feel you and your family would like some support with behaviour management strategies please pop in so we can chat a little more.



Are your contact details up to date?

If you move house or change your phone/email/mobile number, please let the school know, so that we have the most up to-date contact details

Stranger Danger

Whilst children could be in danger from people they know, from other children, or on the internet but abuse and abductions continue to happen and it's important to teach your child how to stay safe. Rather than giving warnings about certain types of people, teach them how to identify and respond to threatening situations. They need to understand the difference between strangers who could hurt them and strangers who may help them. Let them know who they can trust if they need help – such as a uniformed police officer or a teacher. They **must** tell a trusted adult if they have been approached by a stranger or if they feel uncomfortable about a situation. Help your child learn to be aware of their surroundings; encourage them to trust their instincts if they have a bad feeling about a place or person; and encourage them to be assertive.



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Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident. Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, we receive a confidential email from the police before 9am the morning after a child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

St Osburg's has a dedicated and child-focused safeguarding team who are trained to effectively use the information the police share, in confidence, which enables us to provide the right support to any child and their family. We will try our hardest to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.



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If you feel that you and your family may need some support with food over the coming weeks, please contact Mrs Fowler or Miss Carey. They will be more than happy to discretely arrange some food bank vouchers for you.



The Coventry Children's Boot Fund is a Coventry based charity which provides school shoes for families in their time of need.

Application forms are available from the school office. Completed forms should be returned to the office by

Friday 26th April 2024.



Attendance

Every School Day Counts

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

5 days absence over the whole year	20 days absence over the whole year	25+ days absence over the whole year
97% - 100%	90%	Under 90%
Good chance of success and progress	Less chance of success. Harder to make progress	Detrimental to success and progress

Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

If you are having difficulty with getting your child to school every day, on time, please speak to Mrs Fowler or Miss Carey - they might be able to make things a little easier!

Attendance - Get your child to school on time every day

You will be aware the government is keen to improve school attendance across the whole country. This includes punctuality. There is a clear link between good attendance and children reaching their full potential.

Parents and carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school, on time, every day!

If your child is poorly, and will be absent, please contact school by 9am to notify us. Home visits may still be carried out.

We have been allocated a School's Attendance Officer by the Local Authority who will be monitoring our attendance and providing support to families whose children fall below 90%.

REMINDER: No holidays will be authorised during term time.