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SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

Autumn Edition: November 2023

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child or a family, please speak to one of us or Brent Local Safeguarding Children's Boards on 020 8937 4300



Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome to the first edition of our parent safeguarding newsletter. This newsletter is designed to support parents in deepening their understanding of topical safeguarding issues that may affect their child,

SafeQuare policy corber privacy process and pr

themselves or members of their local

community. At Barham we promote a culture of vigilance, we do this by constantly teaching and reminding our children how to keep themselves safe. We teach them to speak out and tell them what to do if they come across a situation that makes them feel unsafe.

Each half term we have safeguarding assemblies that teach our children about different kinds of abuse, how to recognise inappropriate behaviour and what to do and who they can talk to if they are worried about something that is happening to them.

Safeguarding children is the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.** Every single person who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play. You will see at the top of this page, information about who to speak to if you have concerns about a child's safety or welfare, however all our staff are trained in safeguarding if you want to discuss any concerns with them. I will attach to each newsletter a parent information sheet about keeping children safe online. Please take the time to read these as they will help you to help your children stay safe online.

TALK

AND STAY SAFE

NSPCC

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Associate Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Below are some examples of initiatives we use at Barham:

NSPCC PANTS: Always remember your body belongs to you - If someone asks to see, or tries to touch you, underneath your underwear, say 'NO' – and tell someone you trust and like to speak to. The NSPCC helps us to teach the children that privates are privates and that nobody should ask to see or touch any areas covered by underwear. Sometimes a family member, nurse or doctor may have to but this should be explained why. We teach children that No means no and if they are concerned about the underwear rule or feel unsafe they should speak out.



Click here to watch the Pantosarus video: https://youtu.be/_SzbMEVYiyg

NSPCC Speak Out & Stay Safe:

We use Speak out & Stay Safe to encourage the children to speak out if they have a problem or are being hurt, we use NSPCC resources during termly safeguarding assemblies too. Click the link to find out more about it: https://youtu.be/jolOr4E-9PQ

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/

Useful websites for parents:



http://www.childline.org.uk/

Reporting abuse or concerns for a child

If you are worried about a child in Brent or you yourself are worried or being hurt, you can report abuse using the websites or contact details below:

https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/

ChildLine - 08001111

NSPCC – 0808 8005000 https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/

Brent Family Front Door – 02089374300 or online reporting form

https://www.brent.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/keeping-childrensafe#Reportchildabuse

If you feel that you or a child is in immediate danger, please call 999 immediately

If you are concerned about your child or a child at <u>Barham Primary</u>, please contact one of the

Designated Safeguarding Leads on <u>02089023706</u> or <u>safeguarding@barham.brent.sch.uk</u>

Steps to take to help your child stay safe online

Have an ongoing conversation: Continue to talk about the apps, games and sites they like to use, and what they like and don't like and any concerns about being online. Discuss with them when to unfollow, block or report. For help starting this conversation, follow the link: https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/having-an-open-and-honestconversation-about-online-safety-5-questions-for-parents



Speak out. Stay safe.

Make sure they know where to go for support: Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset. Remind them that

they won't be in trouble at that you are there to help. For a breakdown of report services, visit: https://www.internetmatters.org/report-issue/

How Old Should Kids Be to Play Roblox?

There is no official age that kids can play Roblox, but Common Sense Media rates the platform safe for users 13+ "based on continuing challenges with problematic content. Content is generally suitable for ages 13 and up as it may contain moderate violence, light realistic blood, moderate crude humour, and/or unplayable gambling content. Please ensure you supervise your child when they are using devices to access the internet.



ROAD SAFETY WEEK 2023

This week is Road Safety Week, it is celebrated during the third week of November each year, from November 19th to November 25th, providing an opportunity for communities and



organisations to engage in road safety initiatives. For 2023, the theme is "Our Aim – Zero Harm". The theme aims at promoting good safety and health measures across all organisations. Please remind your children to take care when crossing the roads and drive safely.



Please remember that staff members are on gate duty from 8:35am in the mornings. It is important that you do not leave your child unsupervised in the school playground. Please wait until your child's class teacher picks your child's class up.

Children are not to ride their bikes or scooters when entering the school playground and car park. It is important that the children walk with their scooter or bike when on their way to the bike/scooter park. This helps us to keep them safe and avoids any accidents from happening as there are vehicles entering and exiting the car park during these busy times.







