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SAFETY NEWSLETTER – September 2026

Safeguarding

Mrs Davy, Mrs Allen, Mrs Babenko and myself are the Designated Safeguarding Leads, please feel free to come to us with concerns or queries regarding children's safety/wellbeing. If you have concerns during holiday times please feel free to contact the public Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0300 500 8080, they allow members of the public to make anonymous referrals about children and are always a good source of advice.

Please look at the NSPCC "Pants are Private" website, it has excellent advice, little songs etc, and helps with ideas to teach your child about personal safety.

School Safety

In order to keep your children safe in school please help us by doing the following:-

- **Please keep dogs off the school premises (including the grass by Reception)**
- **Do not use the staff car park or allow your children to walk through it**
- Please park carefully outside school – if you put your car on the pavement then children in prams or on bikes can't get past safely
- **Please ensure the school gates are closed after you**
- Please do not sit on or climb over the nursery wall
- Please remember that children are not allowed to come back to school for 48 hours after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea
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Safe and Well Check

In order to make sure everyone is safe we follow the following "safe and well" procedures:-

- Phone call to named parent/carer
- Safe and well text
- If no response from the above by 9:30 am contact wider family members from the contact list
- Home Visit

Fire Safety

When you attend an event in school e.g. Harvest Festival, Christmas Fair etc, please be aware that if the fire alarm was to sound, children will exit the room/building first (following the normal procedures that they know), followed by visiting adults. Adults should exit via the nearest external door and meet staff by the goal posts.

Food safety advice which we are required to follow for children age 5 and under

When preparing your child's packed lunch please can you take into account the following.

Children can choke on any food. To minimise the risk of choking:

- remove any stones and pips from fruit before serving
- cut small round foods (like grapes, strawberries and cherry tomatoes) lengthways and into quarters
- cut large fruits (like melon) and hard fruit or vegetables (like raw apple and carrot) into slices instead of small chunks
- cut sausages into thin strips rather than chunks and remove the skins (sausages should be avoided due to their high salt content)
- remove bones from meat or fish
- do not give whole nuts to children under five years old
- do not give whole seeds to children under five years old
- cut cheese into strips rather than chunks
- consider wholemeal or toasted bread as white bread can form a doughy ball in the throat, and cut all types of bread into strips for very young children
- do not give children popcorn as a snack
- do not give children marshmallows or jelly cubes from a packet, either to eat or as part of messy play activities, as they can get stuck in the throat

Please do not include sweets, chocolate or overly sugary drinks in packed lunches.

Your children's safety and wellbeing is our upmost priority in school and I appreciate all of your ongoing support and communication.

Mrs J Cook
Head Teacher