



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER 11

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Safeguarding newsletter.

Each term we aim to share information and advice for parents and carers on issues we feel may be important to you.

The Leys School Safeguarding team are

- Mrs Khangura (Headteacher)
- Mrs Clibbon (Family Worker)
- Mrs Pomroy (SEND coordinator)
- Mrs Barr (Deputy Head)

If you need to discuss an urgent safeguarding concern please contact a member of the team or send an email to Safeguarding@leys.herts.sch.uk

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE SUMMER BREAK

Please remind the children that when they are out and about to always inform an adult where they are going and who they will be with and why this is important.

Spending time online

Throughout the school year the pupils have many reminders about staying safe online as well as limiting the time they spend on electronic devices.

Some helpful reminders can include

- setting time limits for online activities
- explaining age limits and age appropriate sites/games
- agree ground rules and then make sure everyone sticks to them
- talk about what is real and what is fake
- set a good example yourself
- encourage an open and sharing culture
- keep personal information private
- use strong passwords and make sure devices are secure
- think carefully about what is being shared
- encourage people to talk about things they have seen online.



The Top 7 Dangers Children Can Face Online

- Cyberbullying. ...
- Cyber Predators. ...
- Posting Private Information. ...
- Phishing. ...
- Falling for Scams. ...
- Accidentally Downloading Malware. ...
- Posts that Come Back to Haunt a Child Later in Life.

Please ensure your child is aware of the following

- Don't talk to strangers on the Internet.
- Don't agree to meet anyone in person that you've met online.
- Don't fill in a profile that asks for your name and address.
- Don't visit a chat room without an adult's / parent's permission.
- Don't stay online if you see something you think your parents won't like or that worries you.
- Never post your personal information or your location on any social networking site or through apps like Snapchat, Tik Tok or Instagram.

PROBLEMS IN THE COMMUNITY

If you are concerned about anything you see or hear in the community and you consider a child to be in danger or at immediate risk of significant harm then call the police on 999 to report your concern.

A report of any concerns may also be made to Children's Services at Hertfordshire Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043. You may choose to remain anonymous when reporting if you wish.

You can also report concerns by contacting the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000, emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk or by completing their online form.

Report abuse to the NSPCC





DOMESTIC ABUSE SUPPORT

Stevenage Borough council supports an organisation **Survivors Against Domestic Abuse**.

SADA is a service that provides advice, guidance and support to individuals and their families who are or have experienced domestic abuse.

The service encourages and empowers victims and survivors to make decisions that are right for them.

The service will listen without judging, signpost to other local support services and can also offer safety planning advice.

Referrals for support can come from agencies or victims are able to self refer.

SADA can be contacted Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

SADA@stevenage.gov.uk

01438 242666

Further information about support for domestic abuse victims can be found through the following organisations...

[Domestic abuse - Victim Support](#)

[Domestic violence and abuse - getting help - Citizens Advice](#)

[National Domestic Abuse Helpline - Refuge](#)

[Domestic Abuse Service | Hertfordshire Mind Network](#)

[Getting help for domestic violence and abuse - NHS](#)

[Men's Advice Line](#)

[I need help - information and support on domestic abuse \(Womens Aid\)](#)

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.