



Hillside Infant School Safeguarding Leaders

These members of staff can be approached about any concerns about child safety or child protection issues

- **Mrs Fennell** – Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding lead (DSL)
- **Miss Pugh** – Pastoral care lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead (DDSL)
- **Mrs Pieniek-Jones** - Assistant Headteacher – Inclusion / SENDCO
- **Miss Peters** - Assistant Headteacher - Head of EYFS
- **Mrs Daniels** - Assistant Headteacher - Head of KS1



Safeguarding and Child Protection parent newsletter

Safeguarding our pupils is a priority at our school

Keeping Children Safe during the Summer Holidays

As we approach the summer holidays, we would like to thank families for their continued support throughout the year. Summer is a wonderful opportunity for children to relax, play, and spend time with family and friends. It is also important to continue promoting safety and wellbeing during the break. Below are some simple reminders to help keep children safe over the holidays.

Staying Safe Outdoors

Remind children to stay with trusted adults when out in public places. Teach children what to do if they become lost, including who they can ask for help. Ensure they know important information such as their full name and a parent/carer contact number where appropriate. Encourage safe road crossing and awareness around parks, water, and busy areas.

Online Safety

Children often spend more time online during the holidays. Please continue to:

- Monitor games, apps, and websites children are using
- Use parental controls where possible
- Remind children not to talk to strangers online
- Encourage children to tell an adult if something online worries or upsets them
- Set healthy screen time boundaries

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. By working together, we can help ensure all children enjoy a happy, healthy, and safe summer holiday.

We wish all our families a safe and enjoyable summer break!

Sun and Water Safety

- Apply sunscreen regularly and encourage children to wear hats in hot weather
- Ensure children drink plenty of water
- Supervise children closely near pools, lakes, beaches, or paddling pools

Remind children never to enter water without an adult present

Safe Collection and Supervision
Please make sure children:

- Know who is collecting or caring for them
- Understand basic safety rules when playing outside
- Know safe places they can go if they need help

Young children should always be supervised appropriately, especially in unfamiliar places.

Emotional Wellbeing

The summer holidays can bring changes in routine which may affect some children emotionally. Encourage: Regular routines where possible
Time to talk about feelings and worries
Opportunities for rest, play, and family time
If your child seems worried, withdrawn, or upset, listening and offering reassurance can make a big difference.

At Hillside we feel it is really important to work with parents/carers and with the agencies that support schools and families so that we can provide a safe environment that educates pupils of risks they may face and how they can respond to them in a safe manner.

