



Stillness Junior School

Safeguarding News

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Safeguarding at Stillness Junior School is “everyone’s responsibility, every day!”

Our first and foremost priority is to keep your child safe and healthy; there are safeguarding notices around our school to remind staff and visitors of our policies and practices with the key message that: **“Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility, every day”**. Under the Ofsted framework safeguarding is a key indicator of what constitutes a good school. Keeping your child safe means:

- The health and safety of all children;
- Making sure that the adults who work here have undergone safety and security checks;
 - Protecting children from deliberate harm;
 - Being an anti-bullying school;
 - Being proactive against racist behaviour;
- Protecting our children from harassment and discrimination;
- A positive approach to behaviour management including the use of physical intervention safely where necessary;
 - Meeting the needs of children with medical conditions;
 - Providing first aid;
 - Protecting children from drug and substance abuse;
 - Children enjoying safe educational visits;
 - Caring for children’s personal needs;
 - Keeping children safe when using the internet;
 - Making sure our school is secure and safe;
 - Being a “listening school”.



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All of our staff at Stillness Junior School have regular safeguarding updates and recently this has included:

Child Protection and Prevent Duty training. **“Prevent is part of the UK’s counter terrorism strategy, preventing people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism”**. Safeguarding is also part of our induction programme for new staff.

We would like to highlight our safeguarding policies and some of the useful articles and websites which can be accessed via the school website:
www.stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk .

Please visit our Safeguarding at Stillness page.

Please visit our school website for further safeguarding information

******COVID-19 - Staying Safe - ONLINE and understanding risks******

The internet is an amazing resource which enables children to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of different devices – however, it is always changing and being able to keep up to date with your children’s use of technology can be a challenge. You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, but they still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online.

Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. We have grouped potential online risks into the categories below.

- Internet Matters** – for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe on line
- London Grid for Learning** - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe on line
- Net-Aware** – for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC
- Parent Info** - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC
- UK Safer Internet Centre** – advice for parents and carers

ESAFETY in three easy steps.....

CONTACT:

***It is safe** to use the internet to msg, email, chat, skype, facetime, video message with anyone you would normally be alone with in your room, play with on the playground or have parents permission.

***It is not safe** to send messages to or speak to someone you met in a game, X-Box live chat or a website; if you are not sure, ask your parents and teachers.

***NEVER** agree to meet someone in “real life”, whom you met “online”!

The minimum age for creating a YouTube, Instagram, Facebook or other online account is 13: video-chat sites and vines have an age limit of 16 or 17.

CONTENT:

- Careful clicking – never click on website buttons you do not trust, they may link to viruses!
- Age restrictions matter, protect yourself by choosing NOT to play games with “Pegi” ratings older than your age or watching films with those
- Safe searches are long searches: use lots of search terms in google, especially google images.

Use the internet with permission and when there is a parent/teacher nearby. If you see something online which upsets you, minimise it straight away and tell an adult – don’t keep looking and don’t hide that you saw it.

CONDUCT:

- I keep my password a secret from everybody except my parents
- I do NOT use the same username or passwords for different sites, email addresses, games or apps.
- The way I type and speak online is the same as I speak and type in class; clear-meaning, kind, polite, respectful and positive.
 - If someone sends me a rude or upsetting message:
I never retaliate, never respond, never re-read it. I block/ignore and show it to my parents and teachers.

SIMPLE RULE: If you would hide what you are doing from your parents if they were to walk in, then you **KNOW** that what you are doing is not right. **STOP!**