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Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Autumn Term - Safeguarding Update 2018

The information below is designed to familiarise you with the most recent safeguarding concerns that are faced by all schools at present. Oxenhope is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we will continue to provide information and advice for parents and carers outlining how schools, the Health Service, Police, Social Care and parents can work together to keep children safe. Safeguarding colleagues are always available to speak to via telephone or a face to face chat. The safeguarding leads at Oxenhope are: Mr Parkin, Mrs Jones and Mrs Dyson

Government Guidance

All schools have recently been given updates in regards to safeguarding and the Government have made changes to the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document. As a School we are now using this recent September 2018 publication to update our safeguarding policies and procedures within the school. All members of school staff and volunteers have read and understood this document.

Staff Training

All staff have been accessed training on the government's PREVENT and CHANNEL agenda which offers greater understanding about radicalisation and terrorism. Please read the booklet which accompanies this update on our website - <http://www.oxenhopeprimary.org.uk/>

We have had more of our staff trained as first aiders and provided advice and support with preventing and reporting accidents.

Anti-Bullying Week

During this week the children learnt about online safety, personal safety, different families, being unique, gender stereotypes and LGBT rights. This was a wonderful week where diversity and uniqueness was celebrated and awareness of respect was raised amongst our children. All our staff praised our children in their maturity and thoughtful attitude.

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Online Safety

We continue to work alongside our designated Cyber PCSO Jo Cato, who will be involved in some workshops with the children. Jo will also be attending parent and carer assemblies to offer advice and greater understanding about the risks surrounding online gaming and the reasons age certificates are on certain games. As well as practical advice on how to protect children's devices.

We encourage parents to monitor the communication their son/daughter is having, most of which is during the evenings and weekends. There are many warning signs with regard to identifying children who are vulnerable, it is vital that the School and parents are working together to identify the early warning signs so that we can act swiftly.

Behaviour

We are currently working with our children in reviewing our school's behaviour policy. The children have come up with some wonderful ideas about boundaries and expectations as well as creatively coming up with tracking systems in school. We feel that working with the children in designing a robust system of consequences and rewards will ensure that they feel like they have a hand in the running of the behaviour management in the school and become invested.

If you are concerned about your child's behaviour or are worried about behaviour in general, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Together we can keep children safe

Parents and carers are, as always, asked to report safeguarding concerns to the School so that we can provide support and guidance and, where necessary, access external agency support, with the aim of keeping the young person safe from harm. Attached to this letter is a card which features a list of contact numbers you may find useful should you be worried about the safety of a child. As a school we want you to know that the safeguarding of children is everyone's responsibility.

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Please feel free to talk about safeguarding issues with our Safeguarding Leads identifiable by their blue lanyards.

If you need any more of the contact cards they are freely available in the school entrance hall and the numbers are featured in the safeguarding section of the school website

<http://www.oxenhopeprimary.org.uk>

Please remember; If you are worried about a child, act!

Yours sincerely

Oxenhope's Safeguarding Team

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