

# Stow Heath Primary School

## Safeguarding Letter – Summer Term



### Welcome to our Summer Term Safeguarding Newsletter!

Our aim is to keep you up to date and informed of issues and current debates when safeguarding our children. We hope you find it a useful source of information in how together we are keeping your children safe. If you have any concerns or are interested in learning more about a particular issue, please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you. The Safeguarding Team.

You can visit the following organisations to find out further information on any of the subjects covered.

[Childline - abuse and safety](#)  
[Bullying UK - advice for parents / carers](#)  
[Kidscape - advice for parents / carers](#)  
[The NSPCC - child abuse and neglect](#)  
[The NSPCC - The Underwear Rule](#)

### Recognising child abuse & neglect

There are four recognised categories of child abuse: Physical Abuse, Emotional Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Abuse.



**Physical Abuse** When an adult, child or young person deliberately hurts a child, such as hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning, drowning or suffocating.



**Emotional Abuse** This would happen, for instance, when a child is all the time being unfairly blamed for everything, or told they are stupid and made to feel unhappy.



**Neglect** Where a child is not being looked after properly, for example, not getting enough to eat or being left alone in dangerous situations.



**Sexual Abuse** An example of sexual abuse would be where a child has been forced to take part in sexual activities or in the taking of rude photos.

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### Share Aware!

We tell our children to share but online it's different. In fact, sometimes sharing online can be dangerous. That's why the NSPCC have joined forces with O2 to ask parents to be Share Aware and keep children safe online.

Talking to your child is the best way to help keep them safe. But with things changing all the time, it can be hard to keep up to date. The online safety helpline on 0808 8005002 to get advice on anything from the latest social networks to parental controls.

Or find out what other parents think about the most popular social apps and games, what's the right age and details on privacy and safety settings with our Net Aware tool.

Our straightforward, no-nonsense advice will untangle the web, and show you how you can be just as great a parent online, as you are the rest of the time. The internet is a great place for children to be.



Primary schools across the country are being encouraged to help children 'spread important road safety messages in their community', as part of a new competition launched by Brake. Announced 5 April, the competition challenges children aged 4-11 years to design a poster to encourage drivers to slow down, to make it safer for them to walk and cycle to school. The winning designs from two age categories (4-7 years and 7-11 years) will be turned into banners to be displayed outside schools or in the local community. Children can also win prizes worth 'hundreds of pounds' for themselves and their school. Entries need to be submitted by Friday 30 June - for more information visit the Brake website. - See more at: <http://www.roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/5682.html#sthash.8FC22nYL.ENHE1Zod.dpuf>

### Contact numbers and collecting children

It is very important we have up-to-date information. If you are unable to collect your child or a different adult will be collecting them then please inform the school.

**We will not allow children to leave the premises without an authorised adult.**

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