

23rd January 2017

Dear parents/carers

E-Safety

We are currently reviewing our safeguarding arrangements within school and this has brought to mind how we educate our children on all aspects of safeguarding. Safeguarding includes:

- Health and Safety
- Behaviour
- Attendance
- E-safety
- Bullying
- Child Protection

Last week we shared our Safeguarding Policy for children and parents, we have had a number of assemblies regarding this as well as all the work that is going on in class and our wider curriculum. One issue that is very prevalent at the moment is the matter of mobile phones and social media accounts. Our children are very open about the fact they have accounts on Youtube, Muscial-ly, Instagram and Facebook to name but a few. A lot of our children are also fortunate enough to have their own mobile phones. Mobile phones and social media have vast benefits for education but should also be treated with caution in terms of safeguarding and we endeavour to ensure all children feel safe and have an adult to talk to if they are worried or unhappy. We would like to remind you that mobile phones are not permitted in school. If any parent would like support or guidance around e-safety in the home please contact school or visit the NSPCC website below for advice.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 7th February and there will be lots of activities arranged in school to further address this.

Jo-Jo Bows

Recently the fashion of 'Jo-Jo Bows' has reached East Garforth. Our uniform policy states that 'jewellery is not permitted with the exception of a wristwatch'. The large bows can not only be a health and safety issue in PE and outdoor play, as they can become caught, they can be a distraction to learning. A small headband with minimal embellishment would be more suitable. Thank you for your support with these matters of Safeguarding and if we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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