

Cotmanhay Infant and Nursery School

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF A CHILD?
PHONE **CALL DERBYSHIRE** ON 01629 533190



Safeguarding Newsletter

Why have a Safeguarding Newsletter?

Having a safeguarding newsletter is important for several reasons:

- The children's safety is our top priority
- We do lots and lots in school to keep your children safe and we want you to know more about this
- We can give some support and advice in case you ever feel you would like it
- We want to share information with you
- Working together is always better

We will send home a safeguarding newsletter each term. If there is anything you would like to see in it then just let us know in the school office.

We have lots of policies and procedures in school that are in place to keep everyone safe. Have a look on our website for more information.

<http://www.cotmanhayinfants.co.uk/topic/safeguarding>



Who can you speak to?

If you have a concern about your own or any child then always say something.

You can speak to someone at **CALL DERBYSHIRE 01629 533190**.

You can speak to any member of staff in school.

We also have staff in school who are in the Safeguarding Team. They are called **Designated Safeguarding Leads** (DSLs for short). There are photos and names in the main office and on Miss Latchford's office door. They are also on our website.

DSLs:

Miss Latchford
Mrs Delbridge
Miss Stallard
Mrs Bailey
Mrs Holmes
Mrs Haddon

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Special points of interest:

- ☉ Safeguarding is our top priority
- ☉ All staff in school follow many policies and procedures
- ☉ We have a section on our website for safeguarding
- ☉ Poor attendance is safeguarding
- ☉ Online safety is safeguarding

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We will ask questions...



It is our job to ask questions, please do not be offended.

Times we might ask you a safeguarding question:

- If your child has a mark or bruise and you forgot to let us know
- If your child say something that we need to ask you a bit more about
- If your child's behaviour changes
- If you are late bringing or collecting your child
- If your child's attendance is poor

- If we think you look like you may be struggling or need support
- If we think we can smell unusual substances on you or your child's clothing or book bag (e.g. cannabis)

We are not judging, we are just following the rules we have in school and that every school has.

Ways you can help:

- Always let us know if your children has had an accident and has a mark
- If there are changes at home that may mean your child's behaviour is different, then let us know

What is Bullying?

We often have children saying 'they're bullying me' or 'I'm being bullied'. This is hardly ever the case.

When there is a real case of bullying we will do everything to stop it and we rely on working with parents to do this. It is NEVER ok.

When it's NOT bullying it is important that we do not call it this.

It is every grown up's job to get this right.

Bullying is when a child is hurting or targeting the same child on purpose over and over and over again.

Most times a child / parent uses the bullying word it is usually that children are

playing roughly or a one off time that a child has hurt the other child. **We always deal with this in school** but it is NOT bullying.

We do lots of learning in school about bullying and we are totally committed to preventing it happening in our school. We will ALWAYS DEAL with it.

Find out more:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

"At Cotmanhay Infant and Nursery School we take bullying and its impact very seriously..."

"Good and kind/polite behaviour is regularly acknowledged and rewarded"

How we keep your children safe in school...

- Key locks on main doors into school
- Signing in system for visitors
- 2 adults to welcome and dismiss children
- Badge ID system
- New fencing and gate entry system
- All staff trained in safe-guarding
- All staff have background checks
- 90% of staff trained in first aid
- Different points to collect children from at 3pm
- Fire alarm practices
- Safeguarding policies in place
- Child-friendly policies
- Children taught about keeping safe
- Assemblies on the NSPCC PANTS theme
- School rules in place
- Behaviour charts
- Lunch in our hall—used to be in the shared dining hall—much safer now
- Over-staffed, more adults than legally required
- We ask questions—never be offended
- LOCK DOWN: We have a lock down alarm.
- Phones in every classroom
- Family Support Worker

And many, many other things in place to make sure your children are safe in school.

Before and After School

Before and after school is a time where we ask parents / carers to be responsible for their children.

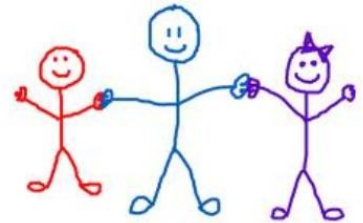
Before school:

- Make sure that once you are on the playground, waiting for the doors to open, that your children are with you
- Remind children not to climb on the wall
- Remind children that they must not go to the car park
- Remind children to play nicely with the other children

After school:

- Collect your child from the teacher
- There might be a small wait as the teacher makes sure each child goes to their parent / carer
- Remind children to stay with you and not run ahead
- Remind children to not go near the main road or car park
- Remind children not to play on the wall

Thank you



OUR EARLY HELP OFFER

Early help means providing support to our children and families at Cotmanhay Infant and Nursery School as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life.

We understand just how complicated family life can be. From time to time, there may be situations where you need some extra help and support.

If things are not right at home, please come and talk to us.

We can help in many ways.

For more information:

- 1) See our Information Board in the main entrance
- 2) Go to our school website to view our full Early Help Offer

<https://www.cotmanhayinfants.co.uk/early-help-offer/>

Online Safety

Our aim as parents, carers and teachers is to keep our children safe. This is the same for the online world.

We all know that the current world is heavily technology based and this will only get bigger. We want our children to grow up with technology being second nature, however with this we also know how important it is for our children to know safe practices online as well as in everyday life.

At home, sometimes children can be given unsupervised access to the Internet. This, potentially, allows them to access all kinds of society (both good and bad) and bring them virtually into their homes. We would encourage you to talk to your children about what they are doing online, always encourage your child to be online in a shared area so you can work together.

It's essential to be realistic - banning the internet or technology will not work and it often makes a child less likely to report a problem. Education around safe use is essential.

We would encourage parents to set up filtering on their home internet. To learn how to do this go to our website:

<http://www.cotmanhayinfants.co.uk/online-safety-1/>

We have an Online Safety Policy that we have up by every computer and that the children are taught.



- ✓ Be careful, people can pretend to be anyone online.
- ✓ Be nice to people online, think how you would feel.
- ✓ Don't tell anyone your passwords.
- ✓ Don't tell anyone your name, address or phone number.
- ✓ Tell a grown up if something makes you feel scared, sad or confused.
- ✓ Don't do anything you are not happy about - tell a grown up you trust.
- ✓ Do not play on games that are for older children or grown ups.

BE SAFE

Our Mission Statement:

CELEBRATE

We celebrate and praise every achievement, however big or small, every day for everybody in our school family.

INSPIRE

Passion, pride and expertise leads to all adults and children reaching their own goal.

NURTURE

We understand and meet the needs of every individual so they can build positive relationships and thrive in a safe and supportive environment.

SUCCEED

We work together so everyone can achieve and aspire to be the best they can be.

Our Vision:

We are proud of our school. We are proud of our children and adults. We want to communicate this to as many people as we can, in as many ways as we can.

We want to ensure our children and adults are proud of themselves and their achievements, to know they are valued.

We will do all we can to enable our children to understand the importance and joy of learning and encourage them to become self-motivators and independent learners.

We want the outside of our school to reflect the inspirational, welcoming and caring ethos found within its walls.

We will encourage our children to explore, investigate and learn using the whole school environment and wider community. We want them to understand what it means to live a healthy lifestyle and to have aspirations to be the best we can be.

We are proud of Cotmanhay Infant and Nursery School and we will continually and relentlessly strive for the best for all those in our school community.

