



Oxenhope C of E Primary









Safeguarding Newsletter – 31.3.23

Message from Mrs Jones – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Welcome to our safeguarding newsletter. This week we have taken part in our annual lockdown practise which has gone extremely well, the children all did very well, and the teachers invested time in helping the children to feel relaxed and safe. We have also done a fire practise, we do these every half term. Again, this went very well and the children and staff were all clear of the building in under three minutes!

I have been working once again with the Trust and children's social care to ensure our staff are fully trained in dealing with safeguarding in our school.

Key Staff

Mrs Jones –Head, safeguarding lead, Relationships Education Lead and Personal, Social and Health Education Lead	
Mrs Dyson and Mrs Woodhead – Pastoral Support	
Miss Dawson – Online Safety Lead	
Miss Cooper – Special Educational Needs Coordinator	
Mrs Brown – Assistant Head and Deputy DSL	
Mrs Topham – Interim safeguarding Governor	
Mrs Hartley and Mrs Costello – Attendance Leads	
Mrs Hopkinson – Before and After School Club – Deputy DSL	

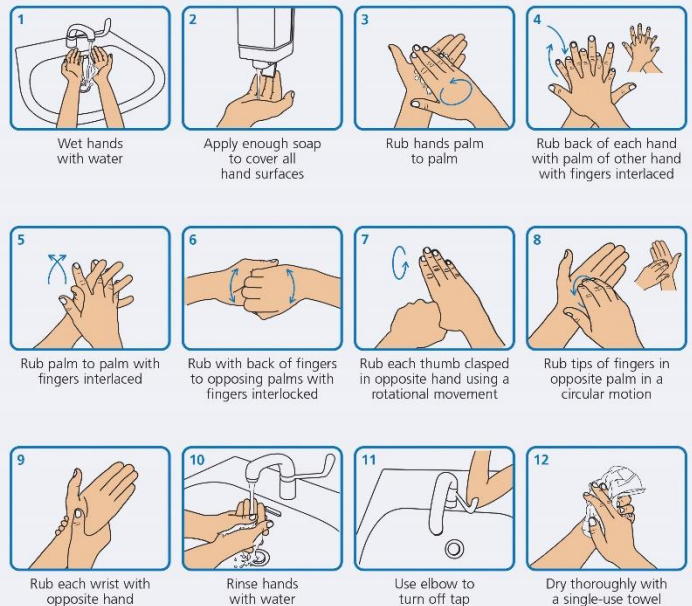
Health and hygiene

Due to an increase in various illnesses in school we are encouraging children to wash their hands more whilst in school. We would appreciate your support in this.

If your child has sickness and or diarrhoea then they must remain off school for 48 hours from their last bout.

This is to keep our school family clean and safe.

Hand-washing technique with soap and water



If you are concerned about the safety of a child, act!

Our Named Persons for Child Protection are Alice Jones, Gillian Dyson, Caroline Auty, Joanne Brown, Laura Woodhead, Oliver Thurlby and Janet Hopkinson

Useful phone numbers:

School – 01535 642271

Social Services Initial Contact Point 01274 437500

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000

West Yorkshire Police – 101 or 999



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



A child means everyone under the age of 18.



Children need the right help at the right time to address risks



Remember 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned.



We are all responsible for the welfare of children and keeping the environment safe, whatever our job.

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as: protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.



What do I need to do?



ALWAYS ACT in the best interests of the child. Never promise confidentiality.



KNOW HOW to identify children who may benefit from early help.



KNOW THE DIFFERENT types of abuse and neglect, so that you can identify children who may be in need of help or protection.



Know what to do if a child tells you they are being abused or neglected.



Know who the Designated Safeguarding Lead is and talk to them as soon as you are concerned.



Everyone must read: Keeping Children Safe in Education Part One and Annex A. Child Protection policy Staff behaviour policy



Any staff member can make a referral to children's social care, but they should inform the designated safeguarding lead as soon as possible.



If a teacher finds Female Genital Mutilation appears to have been carried out on a girl under the age of 18, the teacher must report this to the police.



All concerns, discussions and decisions made and the reasons for those decisions should be recorded in writing.

Staff Behaviour



If you are concerned about the behaviour of any staff member, you should speak to the headteacher. Concerns about the headteacher should be referred to the Chair of Governors.

Whistleblowing



If you're worried about poor or unsafe safeguarding practices, or potential failures in the school, talk to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, any senior leader, or the Chair of Governors. If you feel unable to talk someone in school, you can call the NSPCC whistleblowing helpline on 0800 028 0285 or [email: help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk).

For consultancy, training and advice, go to www.safeguardingschools.co.uk