

Safeguarding Newsletter

October 2019



Visiting School

Moat Farm Junior School considers the safety and well-being of our pupils to be our highest priority. Therefore, all parents/carers must sign in at reception when visiting school. Please also refrain from using mobile phones in the school reception.

The Pastoral Support Team

If you have any concerns about the welfare of your child, please contact school to make an appointment to see a member of the pastoral support team.

Safeguarding Officer: Ms T Millard

Parent Support Worker: Mrs L Woodhall

Attendance Officer: Mrs N Stewart

All our pastoral team are trained in safeguarding.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Ms L Stone – Head Teacher

In Case of Emergencies

Please ensure that you update the school with any changes in contact details as soon as possible. Please ensure we have the details of at least two contacts for your child. Please provide the school with an up to date mobile number and email address so that you can receive updates via text message and email.

Local Alerts!!

We receive alerts from the Local Authority if there have been suspicious incidents in the local area – we will always let you know of these at the earliest opportunity through the school text messaging service.

Issues in Focus

Social Media and Online Gaming

The key pieces of advice we aim to impress upon all parents / pupils are:

- Social media accounts are not to be created for pupils under the age of 13.
- If you do allow your child onto social media, please follow some of these safety precautions:
 - Use the highest privacy settings for all social media accounts.
 - o Turn location information off.
 - Be careful not to share any personal information.
 - Do not accept 'friends' that you do not personally know
- Think before posting
 - o T is it True?
 - o H is it Helpful?
 - I is it Inspiring?
 - o N is it necessary?
 - K is it Kind?
- Nearly 1/3 of children play online games against people they don't now – not everyone is who they say they are.
- Children can become very involved and frustrated by the games., leading to poor behaviours, e.g. offensive language and bullying. Playing on-line games before bed can lead to difficulties sleeping and affect learning the next day.
- Some games also encourage players to buy extra elements during the game and children have been known to run up large bills.
- For further information: <u>https://www.everybodyplay.co.uk/parents</u> <u>-guide-to-games</u>