



## WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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# Spotlight on Safeguarding

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to our first edition of our Safeguarding Newsletter for the new academic year. Safeguarding our pupils at Penketh South Primary School is of the utmost importance and all our staff are committed to safeguarding all members of our school community.

As we start the new academic year we are sure that like us, you as parents realise the importance of attendance and punctuality. There is much evidence to show that good attendance plays a vital role in helping your child to achieve their potential.

## ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

It is vitally important that if you change your home phone / mobile number / email address / names of contacts (at least 3), that you immediately let the school know, so that we have the most up-to-date contact details.

Thank you

## OUR SAFE AND SOUND TEAM

**Our Safeguarding team oversee and coordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.**



**Mrs Claire Roper**

Designated safeguarding Lead and main point of contact in relation to safeguarding for the school.



**Mrs Claire Lawton**

Headteacher. Key adult for Operation Encompass. Deputy Designated Lead



**Mrs Lorraine Browne**

Deputy Headteacher. Designated Lead teacher and Deputy Designated Lead



**Mrs Susan Bennett**

Deputy Safeguarding Lead and Pastoral Lead



**Mrs Carolyn Williams**

Safeguarding Governor and Chair of Governors.



**Report any concerns if you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused.**

Please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead, or one of the Safe and Sound team. You can also contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on:

- 01925 443322, press one and either say MASH or the name of their person you wish to speak to (if known)
- Outside of office hours call on 01925 444400.
- if you believe the child is in immediate risk of harm, call 999.
- If you believe a crime has been committed, contact the police on 101.

# Attendance

Please ensure that you inform the school office asap via phone or email of your child is ill or absent from school.

- All schools must report their termly attendance to the local authority.
- If your child is not in school s/he may not reach their learning potential.
- Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child receives a full time education.
- Parents can be issued with fixed penalty notices (fines) for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly, this includes taking children out of school on holiday.
- The local authority has the power to prosecute parents in the magistrate's court for the offence of failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly.



Children who do not attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Fall behind in their school work.
- Find it difficult to make and keep friends.
- Be unhappy at school.
- Misbehave so others cannot see that they are finding the work difficult.
- Learn poor attendance habits that follow through into secondary school and future employment.

## Poor punctuality can disadvantage children in many ways:

- Being frequently late adds up to lost learning.
- When children are late they find it harder to settle into the routine of the day.
- When children are late they often miss key messages and teaching which continues to have an effect on learning for the rest of the lesson or the day.
- Poor punctuality disrupts the class and is embarrassing for the child.
- Your child being late disturbs the learning of the whole class.

**School starts at 8.50am. The gates will be closed at 9am.**

# Punctuality



**GETTING HERE ON TIME EVERY DAY IS REALLY IMPORTANT IN HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BECOME A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL LEARNER.**