

E-Safety

The internet has changed all our lives, particularly our children's. Parents/carers and teachers need to be active in protecting children from unwanted influence and content online.

You might be struggling to keep tabs with the things your child is doing online. You might wonder if what they are doing is safe, and you might also be thinking **how can I be as good a parent online as I am offline?**

Here are some tips to help :

- ◆ Talk to your child about what they are up to online.
- ◆ Watch **Thinkuknow** films and cartoons with your child.
- ◆ Keep up-to-date with your child's online activity.
- ◆ Set boundaries in the online world, just as you would in the real world.
- ◆ Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space.
- ◆ Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobiles phones.
- ◆ Set limits on the time spent on all these devices.

Please refrain from using or displaying your mobile phone when you are in our school.

The job of protecting children isn't just for professionals. We are all responsible for safeguarding our children. Let's work together to keep our children safe.

Safer Schools & Community Team

PC Lauren Jones is our link SSCT Officer and works in our school every fortnight. She will support with education and develops links between children and the Police.



Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass. This is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Abuse.

Operation Encompass means that the police will share information about Domestic Abuse incidents with our school soon after they have been called to a domestic incident. All Key Adults (DSL/DDSL) have attended an Operation Encompass local briefing as well as national online training.

Our parents are fully aware that we are an Operation Encompass school.

Useful Telephone Numbers

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| School : | 01202 485436 |
| Police : | 101 |
| NSPCC Helpline (24hr) : | 0800 8005000 |
| MASH : | 01202 123334 |
| NSPCC : | 0808 8005000 |
| Pan Dorset Safeguarding Partnership | |
| www.pdscp.co.uk | |

Somerford Primary School



Safeguarding

A Guide for Parents

Working together to
keep our children safe

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INTRODUCTION

At Somerford Primary School, we are committed to safeguarding and meeting the needs of all children.

This leaflet is designed to provide some useful advice and guidance on safeguarding for parents.

If you have any concerns about a young person you meet at Somerford Primary School, you should immediately report this to a member of staff.

The designated staff responsible for safeguarding at Somerford Primary School are :

DSL—Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs H Frampton — Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mr J Wallace



Mr C Walsh



Mr L Thorne
SENCO

Governor for Safeguarding



Rev P O'Connor

How you can work in partnership with us

Children will get the most out of their education when we all work together on every issue. This means that both school and home have to have good communication links. Please let us know about anything that might affect your child in school. We will do all we can to help. Let us know if your child has a medical condition or has had an accident. Also, please let us know if your child will not be coming into school by ringing us on the first day they are absent.

Are you concerned about a child?

It is important to take action straight away if you think a child you know is being harmed. You could : talk to a designated person at school, phone the local MASH, NSPCC or the Police (useful numbers overleaf).

The Prevent Duty

At Somerford Primary School, we support opportunities for all members of our school community to reinforce the ownership of "British Values". All staff are trained to recognise or identify signs of radicalisation and undertake regular training.

We recognise that we are held together by the shared human values of respect and tolerance for others, freedom of expression, democracy and the rule of law.

Our School Values reinforce this message by encouraging all pupils and staff to have a sense of belonging. We support all pupils in exploring their own identity and being comfortable in their own skin.

We are a diverse school and celebrate individuality.

WE MODEL WHAT WE VALUE

Recruitment of Staff

We take the safety of our children very seriously and therefore make rigorous checks on all new appointments to the school. Specific staff are trained to ensure our vetting procedures are robust and transparent to protect our children.

Photographs and Images

Permission is requested from all parents for their child's photo to appear in any publications or on the school website. We have specific rules relating to children appearing in newspaper articles, or online, to protect their identity.

Parent Info is a free service for schools produced by Parent Zone, which has been providing information and support to parents for a decade, and CEOP, the child exploitation and online protection commence of the National Crime Agency.

Here you will find a collection of articles, tips, expert advice and resources designed to help parents keep up with what their children are doing online.



Site Security

Risk assessments are carried out regularly.

Any Health and Safety issues must be reported to the Site Manager, Mr Colin Forman and the Headteacher, Mrs Frampton.

All members of staff and visitors must wear ID badges at all times. Staff will challenge visitors not wearing these badges.

A Single Central Register holds information on all staff volunteers and contractors working in the school. The Headteacher monitors it regularly inline with OFSTED requirements.