SOUTH FARNBOROUGH INFANT SCHOOL
Safeguarding Newsletter
Autumn Term 2026

Dear parents/carers,

We would like to introduce the safeguarding team of South Farnborough Infant School. Whilst safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole school community, we have staff with specific training and responsibility for safeguarding. Our team is made up of a Designated Safeguarding Lead and four Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Mrs Lidington Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	**Mrs Duffy** Deputy DSL	**Mrs Deans** Deputy DSL	**Mrs Morris** Deputy DSL	**Miss Shipsey** Deputy DSL

We will be writing to you once a term to highlight both national safeguarding issues and topics specific to our school.

Stranger Danger

During our assemblies we have been talking with the children about keeping safe when out and about, and online.

Tips when talking to your child about staying safe not scared

Try using language like this when talking to your child about staying safe:

Staying safe – “Pay attention to what people do. Tell me right away if anyone asks you to keep a secret, makes you feel uncomfortable, or tries to get you to go with them.”

Going somewhere with someone – “It’s important for you to ask me and get my permission before going anywhere with anyone.”

If you have a problem – “Don’t approach just anyone – if you need help, look for a uniformed police officer, a shop worker with a nametag, or a parent with children.”

Avoid using language like this:
“You can tell someone is bad just by looking at them.”
“Stay away from people you don’t know.”
“Never talk to strangers.”

MAKE IT CLEAR STRANGERS ARE ALSO PEOPLE THEY COULD MEET ONLINE

Online Safety

We teach our children about online safety during every computing lesson and also through our PSHE discussions, following our SCARF programme. Please do monitor what your child is watching and which games they are playing.

On 15 June 2026, the UK government announced that major social media platforms will be banned from providing accounts to people under the age of 16. The new law is expected to come into force in Spring 2027. Following this announcement, the NSPCC will be updating their online safety advice pages as more detail on the new laws becomes available. They have useful information about games your child may be assessing such as Roblox and Minecraft.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/

Attendance

Regular attendance and punctuality are an important part of our duty of care and help children to feel settled, secure and ready to learn. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please notify the school on the day via Studybugs. If you require time off for your child, please complete an Absence Request Form in advance so that we can consider the request in line with statutory guidance.

Please ensure that your contact details are always kept up to date and that we have at least two emergency contact telephone numbers on record. It is vital that we are able to contact a parent, carer or trusted adult quickly if needed.

If we receive no information about a child's absence, we will make contact with families and may carry out a welfare check where necessary. Persistent lateness, regular absence, or repeated late collection can sometimes indicate that a family may need additional support.

We understand that families can face challenges from time to time and may be able to offer help or signpost appropriate support. However, we can only do this if we know what is happening. Please be open with us about any difficulties you may be experiencing so that we can work together in the best interests of your child.

Please note that schools are required to follow Local Authority and Government guidance regarding unauthorised absence, and penalty notices may be issued where appropriate. Any fines are administered by the Local Authority and are not retained by the school.

Respectful Behaviour

Our school values are important for everyone in our school community. School staff teach our children about **RESPECT** and model this value in school each day, along with **PERSONAL BEST**, **TEAMWORK** and **REFLECTIVENESS.** We would like to ensure all communication on our school site or communicated electronically is done so with respect.

Please get in touch with the safeguarding team if you have any concerns or questions.

The Safeguarding Team

Living and Learning
in Harmony