



Safeguarding Newsletter



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WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the **Designated Safeguarding Leads** straight away.

The following members of staff are **Designated Safeguarding Leads** for Reigate Park Primary Academy:

- Mrs Ratcliff
- Mrs Thorne
- Mrs Harrison
- Mr Heer
- Miss Pearce

They can be contacted via the school office, by telephone on 01332 298969 or using the email address: safeguarding@reigate.theharmonytrust.org

Derby City Care Line is the out-of-hours emergency social work service for people living in or visiting Derby.

It operates:

- Monday to Friday from 5pm to 9am
- on weekends and Bank Holidays - 24 hours a day.

Contact Care Line by:

telephone: 01332 956606
People who are hard of hearing or deaf please send an email to DCCcareLine@derby.gov.uk if you require Out of Hours Support.

For more information on our Safeguarding policy and procedures please visit the 'Safeguarding' page on our school website. The school website can be found via the following link

<http://www.reigate.theharmonytrust.org/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Reigate Park Primary Academy, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is 'Everyone's Responsibility' and is our top priority. Anyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a vital role to play.

Welcome to the third edition of our Safeguarding Newsletter. This aims to inform you of any recent safeguarding news as well as key information around important safeguarding issues.

Online Safety Curriculum

Ensuring our children are equipped with important knowledge and skills about how to keep safe online is essential. Some of these important areas are taught through our PSHE curriculum. However, we also need to ensure that the other areas of Online Safety education are also taught explicitly.

Our Online Safety Lead at Reigate Park is Miss Pollock, she is responsible for ensuring the curriculum is taught through school and supports teachers to ensure this is delivered to all children.

You can find an overview of our Online Safety Curriculum on our school website by [clicking here](#).

Christmas Presents

With Christmas nearly here, this might be the year that you decide to buy your child their first device or even a new update for existing devices.

It is a big decision and can be a daunting one whether it be a phone, a tablet or laptop, the responsibility and freedom that comes with owning a device is a huge step for children – and you! It could even be their first 'grown up' responsibility.

As a parent or carer, it's important to remember that even if a child is tech-savvy, they need to be taught how to be tech-safe.

Online safety experts have created 5 steps to help you make that first device or updated device safer for your children or young person in your care. Click link below for safety guide.

[Safety Guide Link](#)

Contact Details

Are all your contact details which we hold in school up to date?

If you have recently changed your mobile number, or will be doing so over the Christmas holidays, please make sure to let the Office Staff know when we return to school so that we are able to contact you should we need to.

Also, please make sure you keep us up to date with any new email addresses so that we can be sure you receive any information from school.

Looking After Your Money At This Busy Time

Action Fraud have released statistics showing that online shopping scams cost Christmas shoppers over £15.4 million pounds last year.

Christmas can be a particularly vulnerable time, with parents and families already overstretched and sometimes distracted due to the pressures of the season. Losing money can have devastating impact on families, both financially and emotionally, which in turn can impact on children.

Latest scams:

- Victims are sent a text message from an unknown number posing as their child or family member who is in trouble. They are groomed and manipulated into sending money in the belief that it is helping a loved one. Victims have been conned out of £50,000 within the last three months.
- Criminals contact unsuspecting victims informing them they have won a lottery or prize draw. The victim is then informed that they will need to pay an advance fee to receive their winnings, but this is a scam, and the thieves steal the victim's money. 1 million pounds has been lost to this scam in the last month alone.

If you believe you may have been the victim of a fraud/scam please contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or click this [link](#)

Family Support Workers

The Derby Hub of the Harmony Trust are very pleased to welcome two members of the team who will work across the academies working with the Safeguarding Team to support the children and families. Please see the pen portraits below



Paula Dowd

Hi, my name is **Paula Dowd**, I am the Family Support Manager for the academies of The Harmony Trust. We aim to offer the best support possible, ranging from low level behavioural problems right through to issues that may be affecting your family severely. I believe it is a strength to be able to ask for help and as such, myself and the team are passionate about helping you to make positive and sustainable changes for your family. Between us, we have a vast amount of experience working with children and their families from babies to teenagers meaning we can offer you, your child and your immediate family a great level of support. We look forward to working with you and your family.



Mel Squire

Hi, my name is **Mel Squire**. I am the new Family Support Worker for The Harmony Trust. I work with all the Harmony Academies in Derby. My base is at Village Primary, but you will see me out and about at all of the academies. Please give me a wave and say 'Hi' when you see me. I am more than happy to chat about anything at all that you may need support with. I have worked with children and their families for many years in a variety of roles including: nursery nurse, SENDCO, preschool manager, safeguarding lead and teaching assistant.

Online Safety

As part of these newsletters, we will add an attachment which provides information and advice about apps, online safety, gaming etc and any other issue which will help you to keep your children safe when they are online. We may also use this section to provide links to other sites for you to access independently.

Thank you

If you have any questions, or become aware of any other online safety issues which you would like more information to be shared through our newsletter, please contact one of the Safeguarding Leads.