



# Chivenor Primary School

"In you we believe"



## Safeguarding Newsletter

### Autumn 2023 edition

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the first 'Safeguarding Newsletter' of the new 2023-2024 academic year at Chivenor Primary School. Here at Chivenor Primary, we take safeguarding very seriously and want to work together with parents, carers and families to help keep all of our Griffins safe, both in and out of school. I am delighted to introduce some new members to our safeguarding team (below) who bring with them a range of skills and experience that will strengthen the team and the provision we can offer to our Griffins and their families. Please remember that if you ever have a safeguarding concern you can speak to ANY member of staff or a member of our school's safeguarding team, details of which are provided below, available from the school office, website and displayed on posters around our school. We do ask that you do not approach children or their parents directly. We also ask you to remember that our Griffins are always at the heart of all decisions made and the door is always open if you need.

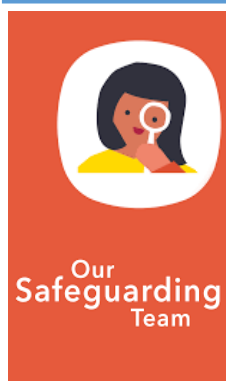
We look forward to working with you and your children.

Mrs Cox

### What is the role of the DSL at Chivenor?

The Designated Safeguarding Lead has a crucial role in taking lead responsibility for child protection issues in school. At Chivenor, we are lucky to have a safeguarding team of 1 DSL and 4 Deputy DSL's (see table below). A DSL is always available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns. There will always be a member of the safeguarding team on site and the DSL is always contactable by telephone or email outside these hours.

DSL's are trained to take on this role and that training is updated every two years with additional training and conferences in between. The DSL has many responsibilities including working with staff and agencies involved in safeguarding children, working with parents and families, giving advice to staff, training staff, managing referrals from staff and investigating concerns passing them onto the correct agency as necessary, managing the records of safeguarding and Child Protection concerns etc. Please do not be offended if a member of the safeguarding team calls; it is part of their role to speak to parents/carers to ensure our children and their families are safe and getting the support they need.



				
<b>Mrs Cox</b> Lead DSL / SPOC Head of Lower School	<b>Mrs Guest</b> Deputy DSL Executive Headteacher	<b>Mrs Brockington</b> Deputy DSL SEND & Family Support Coordintaor	<b>Mr Skilling</b> Deputy DSL Deputy Head of Upper School	<b>Mrs Cook</b> Deputy DSL Assistant Headteacher SENDCo

*Chivenor Primary School is committed to safeguarding.*

*We believe safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*

*Our belief is that "it could happen here" and we have the interest of the children as our priority.*



### Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary

- DSL:** Designated Safeguarding Lead
- DDSL:** Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- CSA:** Child Sexual Abuse
- CSE:** Child Sexual Exploitation (one aspect of CSA)
- Early Help:** "providing support as soon as a problem emerges"
- ISA:** Independent Safeguarding Authority
- MARAC:** Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
- PR:** Parental Responsibility.
- SCR:** Serious Case Review
- SDQ:** Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire
- Sext / sexting:** sending sexually explicit photographs or messages via devices connected to the internet, particularly mobile phones.
- Section 17:** Section of the Children Act 1989 which gives Local Authorities a general duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are 'In Need'
- CAMHS:** Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- TAC:** Team Around a Child TAC (part of Early Help)

### What do I do if I am concerned?

If you have any concerns about the safety and/or welfare of a child please contact us. Further advice and support can be sought via the contact details below:

**Children's Advice & Support Service (CASS):** 0121-303-1888.

**Out of hours Emergency Duty Team:** 0121-675-4806

If there is a medical emergency, danger to life or risk of imminent injury, or if a crime is in progress you should call **999** for the appropriate emergency response.

To report crime or anti-social behaviour, to contact your local police station or to get police assistance in a non-emergency dial **101**.

Parents **should not** email the DSL / Head to report urgent concerns in case the email is not picked up. You can discuss concerns in person with the DSL at Chivenor Primary School or email Mrs Cox / Mrs Guest over the holidays: **[safeguarding@chivenor-gst.org](mailto:safeguarding@chivenor-gst.org)**

**We will get back to you as soon as we can but please understand that we may not be working 'normal' hours.**

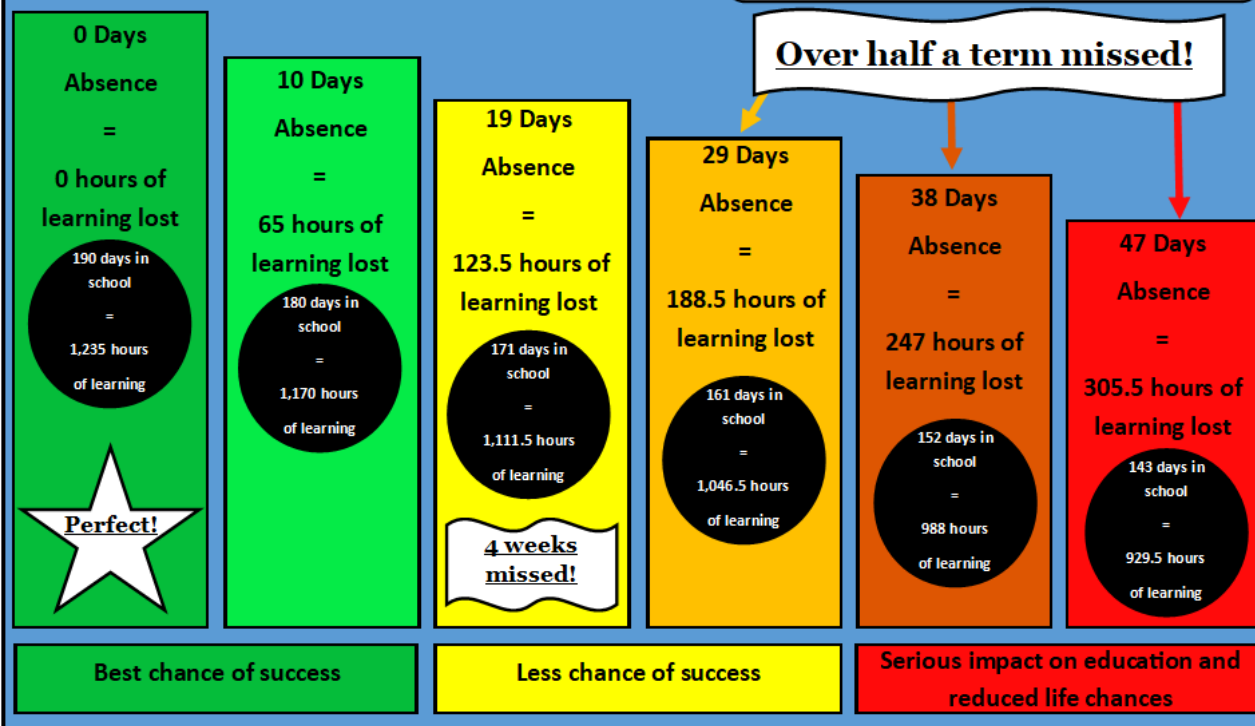


## How does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



365 Days in a Year  
190 days total (5 INSET days) - 1,235 hours total  
170 Non School Days—1,105 hours Non School Days

**Over half a term missed!**



### Attendance and Safeguarding

A polite reminder to parents and carers. Please call school on **0121 675 9833**, if your child is unwell.

It is important you let us know if your child will not be at school, or if you need to collect them for appointments.

If we have not heard from you, we will attempt to **contact the home by phone, email and/or text message**. For Griffins in Y5 and Y6, permission to walk home needs to be given— there is a form to complete in the main office.

### Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) 2023

Keeping Children Safe in Education is a statutory Department for Education document which all schools must follow when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It covers many aspects of safeguarding including different forms of abuse, early help processes, safe recruitment, how concerns must be reported and the role of Designated Safeguarding Leads. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- \*Protecting children from maltreatment;
- \*Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development;
- \*Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- \*Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

#### **4 main types of abuse are:**

Physical

Emotional

Neglect

Sexual



### Useful websites

The information on the following websites will help you and your children to stay safe online. Regular guides are also posted on Class dojo that are more specific to certain apps.

### Social networking safety

Help and advice to manage your account settings to ensure privacy and to report any problems.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/help/safety>

Instagram: <https://help.instagram.com/>

Twitter: <https://support.twitter.com/articles/76036-safety-keeping-your-account-secure>

Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/yt/policyandsafety/?rd=1>

Please continue to  
enjoy our Twitter feed  
@ChivenorP

Your child must be 13+ to  
access this site. If we see  
any child in our school  
following us on our page,  
we will delete them.



### Set up parental controls offered by your home internet provider

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parental-controls>

**CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)** – Help and advice for parents/carers and young people. Make a report to CEOP.

<http://ceop.police.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

**Get Safe Online** - Advice for adults and young people on a range of topics including protecting your computer, scam emails, online shopping, banking, identity theft, safeguarding children.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

**UK Safer Internet Centre** - Help and advice for parents/carers and young people.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources>

**The Parent Zone** – Digital Parenting magazine and articles.

<http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/parent>

<http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/parent/information/>

# Keeping Children Safe Online

*...useful tips for Parents and Carers*



Know who  
online  
'friends'  
are



Understand  
not  
everything  
online is true



Consider  
using home  
internet  
filters



Check  
security  
settings are  
in place



Know how  
to block  
unwanted  
calls & texts



Make sure  
you have an  
Anti-Virus  
program



Check age  
ratings on  
games



Be careful  
what you  
share



Ask your  
child to  
teach you  
about their  
online world



Set  
expectations  
and time  
limits



Know how  
to report  
problems on  
Social Media



If in doubt,  
always ask  
for help