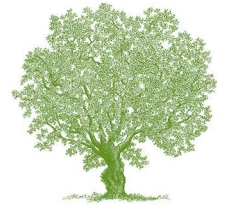


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Darren Pye, who is Safeguarding Governor at school, and myself have been meeting regularly to review Safeguarding practice at the school. In these meetings we reflect on new guidance and look at ways of improving what we do and strive to achieve on the premises. We work hard to ensure that we have established a "Culture of Vigilance" which involves **all children, staff and parents** being vigilant. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents who have come forward and notified the school, when they have had concerns about actions or behaviours around the local area.

Our school internet access utilises the services of North Dorset Council to provide appropriate security for children when learning, and all access to the internet is supervised. We teach online safety - "What to Do" and "How to Keep Safe" rather than trying to ban any access to the internet in school, but would like parents to back it up at home. We are aware that some of the children are accessing social media sites and websites that are not age appropriate at home. There is guidance on the school website (select Parents->Keeping Safe Online) about measures that you can take to help children be safer online. It may also be a good time to review actual "on-screen time". There is varying guidance available on this but generally it is recommended that 3 years and above spend no more than 2 hours a day on screens. The French Government recommend under threes should have no screen time. Please also take a look at

<http://police.us15.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=3b43aee59d9207cd53cde93f1&id=8e882303e5&e=21f323288b>

Regarding specific medical care arrangements for a child, the school will have a Health Care Plan (HCP) in place. These are generally formally updated annually, and then as when there are any changes.

It is important that any changes are shared with school as soon as possible.

Safeguarding also involves pick up arrangements. As parents, you are very good at letting us know who is picking your child up, but occasionally it may mean that we ask adults to wait while we double check before releasing the child into his/her care. If you need to let the school know about changes in arrangements, you can email office@milborne.dorset.sch.uk or send a message directly to the class teacher through eschool messages.

Alternatively let staff know that morning or phone through to the office.

The drop off arrangement is working well for those children who are responsible and mature and able to do this independently. Whilst I personally endeavour to be outside at drop off times, it is often just not possible. Currently, we do not have staff capacity to supervise the drop area daily, but it is something we would really like to be able to do, and will seek to find new solutions. If there is anyone, who would like to volunteer to do this each morning, then please come and talk to me.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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