



Watlington Primary School Safeguarding Update June 2025

Sun Safety



As we move in to the final term of the school year, we are hopeful we will have some warm and sunny days to look forward to. Keeping children safe from the risks of sun-exposure is a priority at our school and we encourage all families to do the following:

- Send your child in to school with a sun hats each day (either broad-brimmed (bucket style) or legionnaire to shade the face, neck and ears. Baseball caps do not offer the same level of protection.)
- Ensure that all children wear sun cream to school, applied before they leave home in the morning
- Provide your child with a water bottle that they can re-fill during the day
- If your child would like to wear sunglasses they are welcome to do this

On sunny days, supervising staff will remind and encourage children to seek shade during breaks, lunchtime, sports and school trips. Should we experience extremely hot and sunny weather, the decision may be made to keep children indoors during the hottest parts of the day.

Whilst we recognise that all of these measures will contribute towards keeping children safe, we also recognise the importance of educating children about the risks caused by the sun. To achieve this, each class will be having a lesson as part of our Jigsaw curriculum about staying safe in the sun and we will also have an assembly on this topic next week.

Jigsaw



This term's Jigsaw lesson theme will be 'Changing Me', where we will be learning about changes we experience both physically and emotionally, as well as starting to look ahead to transitioning in to new year groups.

In Key Stage 2, there is a particular focus on the Health Education element of puberty (including menstruation) and the changes that happen inside and outside the body. This is taught in a way that helps pupils feel prepared for the main changes that happen before puberty starts. Furthermore, children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are also taught about human reproduction to ensure they understand how a baby is conceived and born. Details about the content of these lessons were sent out via ParentMail to parents of children in Year 4, 5 and 6 at the start of this term. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you want more information.

Online Privacy

It is important to develop an understanding of how you can protect your child's privacy online. Any personal information shared online creates a digital footprint and it is vital that we control who sees what.

What are Privacy Settings?

Privacy settings are tools available on most social media apps, websites and games. They allow users to control who can view and what they share online.

What can we do to support our children with their online privacy?

Talk to your child regularly: Talk to your child about what is personal information and to think about what they share online. Personal information includes their name, address, current location and the school they attend. This also includes information with photos or videos that they may share, for example does it show their current location?

Apply appropriate privacy settings: For any app, game or device that your child uses, check the privacy settings and apply them as appropriate. For example:

- Check if their location is being shared
- Check who can tag them in posts (as what others tag them in can also affect their digital footprint)
- Check who can share their content

Check these settings regularly as new options may become available or sometimes updates can change previous settings.

Children learn from us: Think about what **you** are sharing online - do you share photos of your child in their school uniform or current location?

Set strong / complex passwords: Teach your child to create strong / complex passwords and to never share them with others.

Search their name: Search their name in a search engine to see what information can be seen about your child. Remember, if you can find it, then so can other people.

For more information, [click here](#).

National Online Safety



The National College has a huge number of parent information leaflets, podcasts and courses on a range of topics including how to keep children safe online, children's mental health and other skills such as building emotional resilience.

To access this fantastic resource, please click [here](#).

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 Watlington Primary School:

- Mr Gale (DSL)
- Mrs Sterjo
- Miss Sharman
- Mrs Tanner

They can be contacted via the school office, or by telephone on 01491 612474.

You can also contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) to raise concerns on: 0345 050 7666 or via [this website](#).

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

Our school website also has a range of information about safeguarding and mental health / wellbeing. [Click here](#) for more information.