

Safeguarding at River View



Operation Encompass

We are taking part in a project between Staffordshire police and schools, called Operation Encompass. This is a police and education early information sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children experiencing domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with a school's trained Key Adult (Designated Safeguarding Lead) prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident. This enables appropriate support to be given. Further information about the project below.

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Helping children understand their right to be safe



Through PHSE lessons, P4C lessons and assemblies, we teach our children about feeling safe, privacy and personal safety. We also use resources from NSPCC to talk about body privacy and identifying abuse using Pantasaurus and Speak out, Stay Safe resources. By the end of this academic year, Reception to Year 4 children will have completed age related Pantasaurus sessions in PHSE lessons. Years 5–6 will complete the Speak out Stay Safe sessions. We encourage parents to access parent advice on the NSPCC website to gain confidence in talking to your children about privacy using the underwear rule. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Keeping your Children Safe Online

The online world offers many fun experiences and opportunities, however it also comes with risks. In school we have filtering and monitoring services, supervision by teachers and children learn about online conduct and safety. Whilst online at home, you can help your children by putting in place parental controls, talking to them about their online use, and research any games or websites they regularly use. Please consider their age and readiness to start having their own devices and the level of adult supervision or monitoring they require to keep safe.

We politely remind parents that age restrictions on social media and games are there to protect children. For example the minimum age for Snapchat is 13, Whatsapp is 16. Sadly, we have continued to receive concerns about children's behaviour on social media. Online conduct at home that poses a risk to a child, is an offence, or forms part of a pattern of bullying that is being brought into school, would fall under our Safeguarding, Online Safety and Anti-Bullying policies. This may result in the need for further action, including referrals to social care, police, support services or advice provided. Please see the links below for useful information on keeping children safe online. We also have many links on our online safety page.

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

Pre-Loved Uniform

Some parents have kindly donated uniform their children have grown out of. Please contact Mrs Hutchinson if you need any uniform, letting us know their age/size and we will try and help.

Dates for your Diary

Year 3

Lego Discovery Trip

Tuesday 1st April

Easter Chocolate Bingo

Tuesday 8th April

End of Term

Friday 11th April

Start of Term

Monday 28th April

**May Day Celebration
Year 4 and Parade Reception to Year 6**

Friday 2nd May

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May

Cinema Night

Thursday 8th May



The View Point



OPAL Audit

On Wednesday 19th March, we had our OPAL final audit where we were assessed on the quality of the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) opportunities that we offer and the quality of the children's play literacy. We were very proud to come away with a GOLD award!



This wouldn't have been possible without all of the kind donations that we continually so thank you so much for your support.

There will be an opportunity for parents to come and experience an OPAL play sessions once the building works on site are complete—we would love to share with you what we do and the fun we have!

May Day Celebration

On Friday May 2nd we will be holding our annual May Day Celebration. Year 4 children will be conducting an assembly during the afternoon (Y4 parents will receive a separate letter) and then Reception to Year 6 children will be going out to parade our May Poles.

Over the Easter holidays, please encourage your child to make a maypole as we would like children to bring these in on the morning of the May Day celebration. (2nd May) For our new parents, who won't have come across this local tradition, please try to make a symbolic May pole for your child to carry with them on the parade. These can be of any design, but not so heavy your child cannot carry it. Some examples of May Poles created by a parent are shown below.



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