

The Cambridge Primary School



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Our Safeguarding Team

Our safeguarding team includes a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy Designated Safeguarding leads (DDSL).

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If you have any suggestions for our safeguarding newsletter or would like to know more information about safeguarding, please contact: info@cambridgeschool.hants.sch.uk or speak to one of the safeguarding team.

Worried about a child?

-Contact a member of the DSL Team via the school office info@cambridgeschol.hants.sch.uk

-For general concerns about a child's safety: Hampshire Children's Services at 0300 555 1384 during office hours or 0300 555 1373 out of hours.

-For emergency safeguarding issues, call 999/ 101

The theme for this year's **Child Safety Week** is **Making Prevention Possible**. The aim is to reach as many families as possible with important safety advice.

In the **Child Safety Parents' Pack**, there are useful pages on:

- Burns
- Toy safety
- Choking
- Dogs
- Batteries
- Poisoning
- Breathing
- Falls
- Road Safety
- Water Safety
- Fire Safety



Parents' Pack



Safeguarding Review

Every year, we have an external safeguarding review that is carried out by an independent safeguarding expert. The review this year took place in May and here are some quotes from the report.

*The school fosters a deep, lived sense of belonging and inclusion. Its ethos centres on **nurturing the whole child**—academically, socially, and emotionally—ensuring that every pupil is recognised as an individual with unique strengths and potential.*

Safeguarding at The Cambridge Primary School is the absolute bedrock of the school's culture.

Staff at all levels are proactive, vigilant, and empowered to act swiftly, underpinned by a culture of relentless curiosity and continuous improvement.

*The school cultivates a climate where **pupils feel safe, heard, and valued.***

The school not only meets statutory expectations but consistently exceeds them, creating an environment where every child is empowered to thrive.

*Pupils feel empowered to share concerns. **"If we have a worry, we can write a promise card and give it to our teacher. They read it and then they help you."***

*The school fosters a culture of strong, relational culture where pupils feel genuinely supported, describing their school as a **"great and safe environment"** with **"enjoyable learning and loads of things to do."** This sense of safety is actively maintained through deep connections with staff, with pupils confirming that **"there are lots of lovely teachers around here"** who they are confident will **"speak to you and help you whenever you need it"** or if a concern arises.*

*Pupils demonstrate a sophisticated awareness of potential risks they might face in their young lives, including online stalking or stranger danger, yet they remain empowered by regular assemblies, teaching, workshops that consistently reinforce safety messages. This nurturing approach ensures that children not only understand how to stay safe, but are also deeply confident that if they can't do something, their teachers will help them **"find another way, try again or find someone who can help them like a counsellor."** The result is a secure and responsive environment where, as pupils attest, **"whatever you are worried about there is always someone who is ready to listen"** ensuring that every child has access to the support they need to feel safe, valued, and ready to learn.*



Parenting today can feel overwhelming – especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There's no manual and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day. The guide aims to make those conversations easier and help your child with confidence.

['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Keeping Children Safe Around Water This Summer

As the weather warms up, many of us will be spending more time around water – whether that's paddling pools at home, trips to the park, days out at the beach, or family holidays.

Did you know?

- Almost half of all drownings happen during the summer months
- Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death in children in the UK
- **Most incidents are preventable**

We have seen tragic accidents in the news recently, including the heartbreaking incident at Hawley Lake. We want to help keep all our children safe this summer.

Different ages, different risks:

- **Babies and young children** are most at risk at home (paddling pools, baths, ponds)
- **Older children and teenagers** are more likely to face dangers in open water such as rivers, lakes and the sea

How you can keep your child safe:

At home:

- Never leave young children alone near water – even for a few seconds
- Empty paddling pools after every use and store them upside down
- Supervise bath time closely
- Keep garden ponds securely covered or fenced

At open water (rivers, lakes, reservoirs, the sea):

- Talk to your child about the hidden dangers – cold water shock, strong currents, underwater hazards
- Never let children swim in unsupervised areas
- Stay together and keep children in sight at all times
- If visiting the beach, swim between the red and yellow flags where lifeguards are present
- Teach children to never jump or dive into water where they can't see the bottom






Useful resources:

- [The Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership \(HSCP\) Water Safety Toolkit](#)
- [Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\) – water safety advice and resources](#)

Talk to your child:

Have a conversation with your child about staying safe around water. Even confident swimmers can get into difficulty. In school, we have been talking to the children this week in assembly about keeping safe in the water. We spoke about **Float to Live** - a simple lifesaving technique developed by the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) that can help if someone gets into difficulty in the water.

Five steps to know how to float

- 1 ▶  Tilt your head back submerging your ears.
- 2 ▶  Relax and control your breathing.
- 3 ▶  Move your hands and legs to help you stay afloat.
- 4 ▶  Your legs may sink – that's OK. Everyone floats differently.
- 5 ▶  Practise floating at a supervised location like a swimming pool.



WATER SAFETY
Stay safe. Have fun. Enjoy the water.

DROWNING IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN IN THE UK.
MOST INCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE.

As the weather warms up, children and young people spend more time around water – at home, on days out or on holiday. Let's keep them safe.

Almost half of drownings occur during the summer months when temperatures are higher – especially when 25°C or above.

THE HSCP WATER SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS & CARERS INCLUDES:

- EVERYDAY RISKS AT HOME**
Including bath time safety and garden hazards.
- STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS**
Such as the beach, around rivers and in open water.
- PRACTICAL SAFETY ADVICE**
Including the Water Safety Code and how to "Float to Live".
- AGE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE**
For babies, young children, older children and teenagers.
- WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY**
Including simple first aid steps and where to find further support.

Small actions, big difference

- ✓ Keep children within arm's reach of water.
- ✓ Choose safe places to swim.
- ✓ Talk to your children about water safety.

Together, we can help prevent tragedies and keep our children safe this summer.

For practical advice and resources, download the Water Safety Toolkit: www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/

Enjoy the water Stay safe Look out for each other

HSCP
Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
Safeguarding children together

When the Game Begins, Know Where to Turn

As the World Cup has started, we want to share some important safeguarding information from Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership with our school community.

Why are we sharing this?

Major football tournaments bring people together and create excitement, but research shows they can also bring increased risk for some families. We believe it's important to raise awareness so that anyone who needs support knows where to turn.

Studies and local data consistently show that incidents of domestic abuse rise around major men's football events, with reports increasing by around **25% following matches** - regardless of whether the team wins, loses or draws.

During major tournaments, changes in routine, alcohol consumption, heightened emotions and financial pressures (including gambling) can all contribute to increased tension at home.

Domestic abuse can affect anyone and is not always physical. It can include:

- Emotional or psychological abuse
- Controlling or coercive behaviour
- Financial abuse
- Threats and intimidation
- Online or digital abuse

For many people, domestic abuse is a hidden harm that can intensify behind closed doors. Friends, family and neighbours may notice concerns but feel unsure about what to do.

You are not alone. Confidential help is available.

📞 Hampshire Domestic Abuse Advice Line: 03300 165 112

The Advice Line is run by Stop Domestic Abuse, an independent charity partner, and offers:

- Free, confidential and non-judgmental support
- Help for anyone experiencing abuse
- Guidance for concerned family and friends
- Support whether you're calling for yourself or someone else

You can also access **Live Chat sessions** on the Stop Domestic Abuse website: www.stopdomesticabuse.uk

Resources and further information

- **Stop Domestic Abuse:** www.stopdomesticabuse.uk
- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline:** 0808 2000 247 (24/7)
- **Refuge:** www.refuge.org.uk
- **Women's Aid:** www.womensaid.org.uk
- **Respect Men's Advice Line:** 0808 8010 327
- **The Hideout (for children and young people):** www.thehideout.org.uk

Football should be something everyone can enjoy safely. By raising awareness, looking out for one another and knowing where to turn, we can help reduce harm and support those who need it most. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office or speak to a member of staff in confidence.

Let's Build a KINDER, SAFER HAMPSHIRE

Everyone has the right to feel safe and be respected.

DOMESTIC ABUSE CAN AFFECT ANYONE

Together, we can make a difference.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Let's listen. Let's support.
Let's build a safer Hampshire.
#SaferHampshire

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