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## **Safeguarding and Child Protection at Mossy Lea and St George's Primary**

### **February Newsletter**

On Thursday evening we held a safeguarding meeting for staff at both schools. We took part in training led by Ben Holmes, who is a Safeguarding Children in Education Officer. The training consisted of information on types of abuse, recording concerns, online safety, how to support families and much more. The training was fantastic and we look forward to further training later this year.

#### **What are the signs of child abuse? NSPCC**

The signs of child abuse aren't always obvious, and a child might not feel able to tell anyone what's happening to them. Sometimes, children don't even realise that what's happening to them is abuse. There are different types of child abuse and the signs that a child is being abused may depend on the type. For example, the signs that a child is being neglected may be different from the signs that a child is being abused sexually.

#### **Common signs**

Some common signs that there may be something concerning happening in a child's life include:

- unexplained changes in behaviour or personality
- becoming withdrawn
- seeming anxious
- becoming uncharacteristically aggressive
- lacks social skills and has few friends, if any
- poor bond or relationship with a parent
- knowledge of adult issues inappropriate for their age
- running away or going missing
- always choosing to wear clothes which cover their body

These signs don't necessarily mean that a child is being abused, there could be other things happening in their life which are affecting their behaviour – but we can help you to assess the situation. You may also notice some concerning behaviour from adults who you know have children in their care, which makes you concerned for the child/ children's safety and wellbeing.

If you have any concerns about the safety and/or welfare of a child of young person, telephone Children's Social Care on 0300 123 6720. You could also contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team by phone or by coming into school. If it outside the school please do not wait if you have concerns. Please

## What are the PANTS rules?



Privates are private



Always remember your body belongs to you



No means no



Talk about secrets that upset you



Speak up, someone can help



## When's the right time to talk PANTS?

- bathtime, applying cream or when getting your child dressed
- car journeys
- going **swimming** and saying that what's covered by swimwear is private
- during a **TV show** that features a sensitive storyline
- **singing** along to the PANTS song with Pantosaurus (you can find this using the link below)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

## Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy

At Mossy Lea we want the children to know what to do if they are feeling worried and give them the confidence to talk to a trusted adult. We have worked with a group of children to devise a Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy. The policy is attached to this week's newsletter and we will be sharing it with the children over this half term. If you have any questions or suggestions for our Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy please don't hesitate to contact us. [n.cook@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:n.cook@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk)