

Berkeley Primary School

Safeguarding Newsletter: March 2024

By Helen Earl - Safeguarding Lead

Welcome to our fourth newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and useful.



Recent news...

Since September, Helen Earl, our safeguarding lead, has been quizzing staff each week...she has been asking them safeguarding questions at the beginning of staff meetings to keep everyone on their toes and to make sure everyone can remember "what to do if...". All sorts of topics have been covered so far...from a child absconding from premises, to a child presenting with bruising, to female genital mutilation. The questions generate lots of discussion each week and keep all information shared and safeguarding fresh and at the forefront of minds.



Spotlight on...Early Help

Everybody needs a little bit of help sometimes. An Early Help Assessment and the Early Help process which follows an assessment explores what is going well for you as a family and any worries or concerns you may have. It then identifies support that can be put in place to help you. An Early Help Assessment ensures that all who are involved with you and your child (e.g. health visitor, school, nursery, school nurses) come together to work with you and your family. It can help you to get back on track by building on strengths you already have as a family. Because everyone comes together, you only have to tell your story once. With your consent, information is then shared between those involved in the assessment. The Early Help Assessment and process is voluntary. Further information about Early Help in North Lincolnshire can be found by clicking here: https://youtu.be/D_OCMf0JEn4

Did you know...?

We have risk assessments in place for all sorts of things that we do in school as well as for when we go off school premises for trips. Some of the risk assessments for in school include cooking / baking, gardening, using tools in DT, water and sand play in Reception and Nursery. Writing, reading and remembering these risk assessments help our staff and children to think through potential risks and the ways in which these risks can be reduced. They are another of our tools for keeping everyone safe at Berkeley Primary School.



Useful contacts... Children's and Young People's Services: 01724 296500 (9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 9am to 4.30pm Friday), 08081 689667 (free phone), 01724 296555 (answerphone - out of office hours and at weekends).