



SAFEGUARDING

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Welcome to Our new Monthly Safeguarding Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to introduce our new monthly newsletter; each newsletter will include a dedicated focus on two key areas that have a significant impact on children's wellbeing, safety and success in school: **safeguarding** and **attendance**.

Why are we focusing on safeguarding?

Our safeguarding sections will provide practical information, advice and guidance on topics such as:

- Online safety and social media
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Healthy relationships
- Community safety
- Preventing bullying
- Support services available to families

By sharing this information regularly, we hope to strengthen the partnership between home and school and help parents and carers feel informed and confident in supporting their children.

Why are we focusing on attendance?

Excellent attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's achievement and overall school experience.

Children who attend school regularly:

- Make better academic progress
- Develop stronger friendships
- Build positive daily routines
- Feel more connected to their school community
- Have greater opportunities to take part in learning, events and enrichment activities

Even a small amount of missed learning can add up over time. Through our attendance updates, we will share information, celebrate good attendance, explain expectations, and offer support where families may be facing challenges that affect their child's attendance.

Alongside these new monthly updates, I will continue to share our newsletters, ensuring that families remain informed about the exciting learning, events and successes taking place across our school community.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss L. Moreton

Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead





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How to Report a Safeguarding Concern

Your child's safety and wellbeing are our highest priority.
If you have a concern, please follow the steps below.

Speak to the school

Report your concern to a member of the school's safeguarding team.
You can do this by:



Call the school office and ask to speak to the DSL / DDSL



Email the school and clearly mark it as a safeguarding concern to safeguarding@smhsh.co.uk



Speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL/DDSL) or any member of staff that you feel comfortable with.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999

To report a **safeguarding** concern about a child in Liverpool, contact Liverpool City Council Children's Service on 0151 459 2606 or 0151 233 3700 (available 24/7).



Miss Moreton

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



Mr Worthington-Jones

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



NSPCC Helpline:

Call 0808 800 5000 (Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm) to speak to child protection specialists and state that you wish to remain **anonymous**.

Extended Safeguarding Team:	Miss Bower, Mr Bannon & Mrs Day
Pastoral and Family Help Lead:	Miss Maddison
Attendance Champion:	Mrs R. Basson
Safeguarding Governors:	Mrs R. Lucas, Mr T. Basson

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September Focus: Online Safety

ABC online safety checklist

set your child up for safety online

The checklist below covers actions you can take to help protect children of all ages from online harms.

Activate



Turn on **broadband filters** for basic protection on devices in the home.

Manage **SafeSearch**.

Password-protect app stores to limit downloads.

Update parental controls as their online activities change.

Get in control of parental controls



If using a smartphone, check content lock is set



Set parental controls on your home broadband



Control app downloads and purchases



Make the games console safe and secure



Use safety mode on YouTube and Google



If using social networks, check privacy settings

Balance



Set a good example with your own screen use.

Create screen-free zones at home.

Switch off devices an hour before bedtime.

Encourage children to take breaks (for example every 20 mins).

Charge devices outside bedrooms.

Use screen time tools to help manage how much time they spend online, e.g. **Google Family link** for Android or **Screen Time** for Apple.

Check

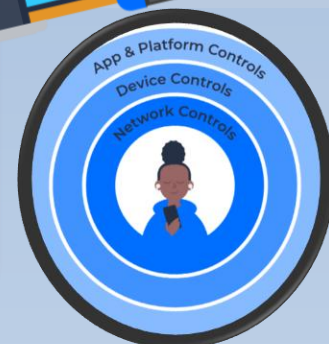


Review the **minimum age requirements** for the apps, games and platforms for your child wants to use.

Discuss **online risks**, including **online scams**, and how to deal with them.

Ask children what they like to do online and why.

Show them how to report or block inappropriate content on **platforms they use**.





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Online Safety Guide

Children's use of the internet is becoming more mobile and interactive offering young people more opportunities to interact and meet new people, so it's never been more important to make sure you are helping your child stay safe in the digital world.

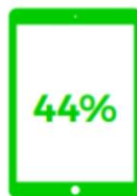


**15 hours
a week**

Children's internet use has reached record highs, 5-15 year olds spend 15 hours a week online



The number of children with a social media profile doubles between the age of 10 and 11. 43% of 11 year olds have a social profile



44% of 5-15 year olds have their own tablet and together with smartphones are the most popular for going online.

Prepare their device



Explore the device controls and settings to set limits on inappropriate content, screen time, spending and more.



Download and install the apps and games you're okay with your child using.



Set up controls in these apps and games to help keep your child safe while they play, browse or chat.



Install or set up additional parental control apps for further protection.



Cyberbullying

Prevention is always better than the cure when it comes to this issue. Help your child understand the consequences of what they share online and encourage them to be "kind online". If they are the target of cyberbullying, be sure to keep all messages as evidence and block the bullies on social networks.



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ATTENDANCE

“HERE TODAY AND READY TO LEARN!”

Good attendance helps pupils to achieve, build positive relationships and make the most of the opportunities at school.

BETTER

ACHIEVEMENT



Be in school
to make progress

STRONGER FRIENDSHIPS



Be part of
their school community

MORE OPPORTUNITIES



Access clubs,
trips & experiences



BRIGHTER FUTURES

Good habits today
lead to success tomorrow

September 2026 Attendance



Whole school:
95.7%

KS2 attendance
(Year 3 to Year 6):
96.0%

KS1 attendance
(Year 1 and Year 2):
94.8%

EYFS attendance
(Nursery and
Reception): **95.7%**

Please email
ao@smhsch.co.uk
or call the school
office if you have
any
**attendance
worries.**

Our goal is to work
together before a
drop in attendance
starts to involve
the Education
Welfare Officer.

EQUATES TO:

4 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	100%	PERFECTION YOU ARE MOST LIKELY TO ACHIEVE WELL IN SCHOOL
7 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE YOU ARE MOST LIKELY TO ACHIEVE WELL IN SCHOOL
9 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	96%	GOOD YOU ARE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE WELL IN SCHOOL
11 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	95%	NEARLY THERE YOU ARE AT RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT
20 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE YOU ARE AT RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT
20 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	90%	CONCERNS YOU ARE AT SEVERE RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT
30 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS YOU ARE AT EXTREME RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ✓ Encourage good routines, including plenty of sleep
- ✓ Make appointments outside of school hours where possible
- ✓ Contact us if your child is unwell and cannot attend
- ✓ Be prepared for school each day
- ✓ Speak to us if you need support with attendance

We are sure that, like us, you as parents and carers realise the importance of attendance and punctuality.

Attendance facts:

- All schools must report their termly attendance percentages to the local authority.
- Parents/carers have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child receives a full-time education.
- Parents can be issued with a fixed penalty notice for failing to ensure their child attends school regularly – this includes taking a child out of school on holiday.
- The local authority has the power to prosecute parents in the magistrate's court for the offence of failing to ensure their child attends school regularly.