

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Dear parents and carers, welcome to the Parent Safeguarding newsletter. We hope that you find the information included in this newsletter useful. Should you require any further information, please speak to our very friendly safeguarding team.

Aims:

This safeguarding newsletter is aimed to enhance parental vigilance concerning child safety. It seeks to provide essential information on recognising signs of potential harm, particularly amidst the rising concerns of online abuse. Our goal is to empower parents and carers with knowledge and strategies for safeguarding children effectively, and knowing where to find help and support should it ever be needed.

Our Safeguarding Team



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If you have an urgent concern out of school hours, you can contact the safeguarding team by emailing safeguarding@redwood.derby.sch.uk

SAFEGUARDING TOPICS COVERED IN SCHOOL THIS MONTH:

- Rail Safety - Hardsco Rail visit
- Water Safety
- Sun Safety
- NSPCC assemblies and workshops

Our objective is to explore a diverse range of Safeguarding topics each month through various channels, including: whole school and class assemblies; PSHE and RSE curriculum; computing lessons in conjunction with our Digital Leaders; School Council and through consistent signage and posters displayed around the school.

FLOAT TO LIVE

Following the recent hot weather, there have sadly been several tragic incidents involving children and young people in open water across the UK. These heartbreaking events remind us of the dangers of rivers, lakes, reservoirs and canals, which can be much colder, deeper and stronger than they appear.

Please take time to talk to your child about staying safe around open water and only swimming in supervised, designated areas.

To help reinforce these important messages, our Safe Squad pupil ambassadors recently delivered a special Water Safety assembly to all Key Stage 2 children.



WATER SAFETY

As the weather becomes warmer, it is natural for children and young people to want to cool down outdoors. However, we would like to remind families of the serious dangers associated with entering open water such as rivers, lakes, reservoirs, canals and quarries.

While open water may look inviting on a hot day, it can be extremely dangerous. The water is often much colder than expected, even during warm weather. Sudden immersion in cold water can cause "cold water shock", making it difficult to breathe, swim or stay afloat. Strong currents, hidden debris, steep banks and unexpected drops in depth can also put swimmers at risk.

Sadly, every year there are tragic incidents involving children and young people who enter open water without understanding the dangers. Many of these accidents occur during periods of hot weather when the temptation to cool off is greatest.

We encourage parents and carers to have regular conversations with their children about staying safe around water. Key messages include:

- Never enter rivers, lakes, reservoirs, canals or other unsupervised open water areas.
 - Only swim in designated locations where lifeguards are present.
- Never jump or dive into open water, as hidden objects or shallow areas can cause serious injury.
 - Stay with friends and family and avoid isolated areas.
- If someone gets into difficulty in the water, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard (at the coast) or Fire and Rescue Service (inland). Do not enter the water yourself.

At school, we continue to promote water safety through assemblies and discussions. Our Safe Squad pupil ambassadors recently delivered a special Water Safety assembly to Key Stage 2 children, helping to raise awareness of these important messages.

By working together, we can help ensure that all children enjoy the warmer weather safely and understand how to keep themselves and others safe around water.

Here are some useful websites around water safety and the prevention of drowning:

<https://rnli.org/safety/know-the-risks>

<https://capt.org.uk/drowning/>

Three teens dead after being in water at beauty spots

Body found after boy, 15, goes missing in lake

Body found is believed to be boy, 12, missing in river

Family remember 'darling boy' who died in lake

RAIL SAFETY

As children spend more time outdoors, we would like to remind families about the dangers of playing near railway lines and train tracks.

Railways may seem like an exciting place to explore, but they are extremely dangerous. Trains can travel at speeds of over 100 mph and often cannot stop quickly. They can also be much quieter than children expect, meaning a train may be approaching before it is seen or heard. Many children do not realise that railway tracks, bridges and embankments are private property and should never be used as shortcuts, places to play or areas to meet friends. Trespassing on the railway can have devastating consequences.

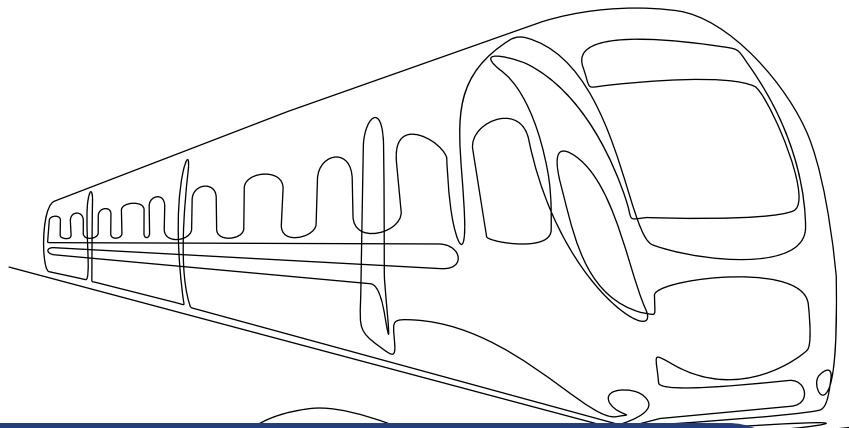
There are several hidden dangers around railways, including:

- Fast-moving trains that cannot stop in time.
- Electrified rails and overhead power lines, which can cause serious injury or death.
 - Uneven ground, loose stones and steep embankments that can lead to falls.
- The risk of becoming trapped or unable to move away from an approaching train.

We encourage parents and carers to talk regularly with their children about railway safety and remind them to:

- Never walk, cycle or play on railway tracks.
- Only cross the railway at designated crossings.
- Stay well behind safety lines when waiting on station platforms.
- Never retrieve items that have fallen onto the tracks.
- Report any concerns or unsafe behaviour to a responsible adult.

By having these important conversations at home, we can help children understand the risks and make safe choices. Together, we can ensure that all children enjoy their independence while staying safe around the railway network.



KS2 took part in an important Rail Safety Assembly delivered by Hardsco Rail. Children learned how to stay safe around railways and the dangers of trespassing on tracks. The photo shows one of our pupils trying on some of the specialist protective equipment used by rail workers – a great hands-on experience that helped bring the learning to life!