

Garretts Green Nursery School

Safeguarding Newsletter



Dear Parents,

As you are aware, our school has the safety and well-being of your children at the heart of everything we do. It is a sad fact that some children are victims of abuse in many different forms and although most of us prefer not to think about it we all need to work together to make sure that we keep children safe. We aim to raise awareness here and we hope that the information that we send out to you is useful and also reassures you of the quality of the care at Garretts Green Nursery School and Resource Base.

This newsletter gives you some information and updates on procedures.

Have you heard about.....?

Children's Advice and Support Service(CASS)

CASS provides a single point of contact for professionals and members of the public who want to access support or raise concerns about a child.

They want to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child please contact **CASS** who will listen, assess your concerns and can take action if a child is at risk.

Birmingham professionals can be contacted on:

CASS: 0121 303 1888

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm

Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

If you would prefer to speak to a member of staff in school, please do not hesitate to ask for a meeting or speak to us at any time.

Did you know.....?

Garretts Green Nursery School has a designated Safeguarding Governor.

Sally Davies is new to this role this year, she is Headteacher of Bloomsbury Nursery School. Sally is actively involved in the life of our school and will make regular visits to monitor our safeguarding procedures. Sally will provide a report on her findings to the full Governing Body who ensure that the school maintains outstanding safeguarding procedures.

If you have any questions and would like to speak to Sally please contact her through the school office.

Keeping Children Safe





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Garretts Green Nursery School has a number of policies in place which have been compiled with staff and agreed by our Governing Body. Our Safeguarding Policy can be found on our school website : <http://garrettsgreen.org.uk/>

There are many other policies which reflect the determination we have to ensure the safety of your children whilst they are in our care. These policies cover Behaviour, Care and Control, Managing Personal Hygiene and many more. The policies make up a Safeguarding document which is too large to send home but which is available in the main office entrance should you wish to find out more.

Have you heard about.....?

FGM

Female genital mutilation is considered culturally acceptable in some communities. In the United Kingdom this practice is illegal and any person found responsible for any involvement in arranging or carrying out the practice is likely to be imprisoned.

The practice is medically unnecessary and is likely to result in extreme pain, medical complications and in on-going health concerns for those who undergo the procedure.

Should you have a concern that a child has undergone or is likely to undergo this procedure please share your concerns with the police or the CASS team immediately.

**Phone police on :
101 or 999
Or CASS on:
0121 303 1888**

If you would prefer to speak to a member of staff in school, please do not hesitate to speak to us at any time as a matter of urgency.

Did you know.....?

Garretts Green Nursery School has a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and four deputies.

Claire Henebury, Head Teacher, Lead DSL , SENCO

Our deputy DSLs are:

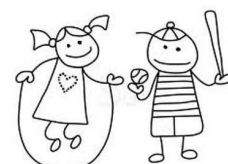
- **Helen Coleman, Teacher**
- **Emma Ashford, Teacher**
- **Gaynor Harris, Assistant SENCO/ Resource Base**
- **Sam Richardson, HLTA, Key Worker.**

Should you have any questions or concerns please speak to any one of the DSLs.

There is always at least one DSL on site at all times.

Information about e-safety will follow soon.

If you have any concerns please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to answer any questions.



Garretts Green Nursery School and Enhanced Provision

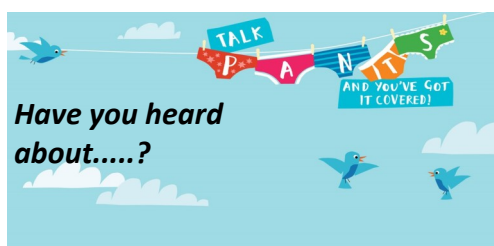
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PREVENT

As you are aware, there have been well-publicised issues associated with extremism in a tiny minority of our schools in Birmingham. For a number of years Birmingham City Council has worked to ensure that children are safe from harm and that extremist views are not tolerated in schools. There have been a number of briefings for staff and training has been provided for staff and governors. This has resulted in a raised awareness of the forms that extremism may present itself. Our role in preventing this is through raising self-esteem and self-confidence to ensure that young people feel strong and empowered to stand up for themselves. Our curriculum also focuses on rules and understanding right and wrong and on tolerance. This is taught at an appropriate level for young children and we use stories and puppets to gain children's interest and develop understanding.

If you would like to know more about PREVENT, please ask any member of staff or visit www.GOV.UK



'PANTS'

The Underwear Rule

Some conversations between parents and young children may be quite difficult. How do you tell a child about sexual abuse without alarming them or without giving them information that you may feel they are too young to know?

NSPCC have produced a booklet, **'PANTS'**, which we recommend should you have concerns about ensuring your children know how to keep safe. The booklet explores the issues in a way that children understand and which is not embarrassing.

'PANTS' has been sent home previously but should you require other copies they are available in our main corridor and at the office.

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/



Did you know.....?

At Garretts Green Nursery School and Resource Base:

- Our Prevent Lead is **Claire Henebury**
- Our Data Protection Officer is: **Claire Henebury**
- Our Rights Respecting link is: **Emma Ashford**
- Our lead for Mental Health is: **Claire Henebury**
- Our Looked After Children Lead is : **Claire Henebury**

We hope you find this information useful.
If you require any additional information about any of the issues mentioned or about any of the procedures in place in our school please ask any member of staff.

We are constantly aware that we live in a fast-changing world and we will make every attempt to share any new information with you as it arises.

Claire Henebury and the Nursery Team