

SAFEGUARDING & WELL-BEING OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school and to the **1st Safeguarding and Well-Being Letter Information Overview for this academic year.**

I appreciate that this topic area may not appear at first to be of interest, nevertheless it is a very important topic and one I would urge you to read through as it **does impact upon the well-being of your child.**

As a school, we feel it is very important to ensure that the parent body is aware of the safety, security and well-being measures we have in place at school, so as we start the Autumn term 2022, I am sending this overview to reinforce and reassure the school community of the systems we have in place but also to draw your attention to **new information relating to safety and security** at our school and how the Leadership Team and I take our roles and responsibilities so seriously.

We trust that you will find this informative and reassured by the systems we have in place to safeguard your child. Please take time to read and digest the information given as well as visit our school website links.

Best wishes,

Sarah Annette (Headteacher)



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION:

During the Inset days and staff meetings held at the beginning of September 2022 all staff were reminded of their role and responsibility where the safeguarding of the children in our care is concerned.

As stated previously, at Rivington **we are very proactive in ensuring that the safeguarding of all children remains a priority** for the school. We firmly believe that safeguarding and all that it entails is the **'golden thread' which is well embedded within the ethos and culture** of our school. We have policies and procedures in place, which all staff and Governors have to follow. These policies can be found under the 'Policies' tab on the school website.

<https://www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/policies-and-equality/>

<https://www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/safeguarding/>

2022-2023 Multi Purpose Parental Consent

In order to minimise the need to submit permission and consent forms for every event, we have digitised a multi-purpose consent form.

These will be circulated via Teachers2Parents this week. Please can you kindly complete on for each child and submit the forms back by Friday 14th October 2022.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING: AUTUMN 2022 UPDATE

At Rivington our vision is to create a safe and nurturing environment where every child can flourish and reach their full potential – ‘**Living Life to its Fullest; Making a Difference Along the Way**’. In this context, we place a high value on **promoting positive physical, emotional and mental health** across the school. We do this in a variety of ways, for example through our innovative PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) curriculum, themed weeks such as our annual Well-being Week and National Anti-Bullying week in November. Details will be sent out in due course. All staff are trained in Mental Health First Aid.

ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY, COLLECTION & WELFARE ARRANGEMENTS

PUNCTUALITY

Rivington punctuality remains a **high priority** with the Leadership Team and staff. We firmly believe it is essential that children attend school punctually if they are to achieve their potential. Lateness not only adversely affects a child's attainment but also their personal and social skills and makes it difficult for them to settle for the day.

We have now fully implemented the 8:45am **'soft start'** for children in Y1-6. Children can go directly to their classes for early morning activities once the gates are open.



NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL

If your child is sick please notify the school by **9:00 each day**. Please do not take offence if the school telephones to find out where your child is if we have not heard from you. This is our standard procedure and an important part of our commitment to safeguarding children and promoting their well-being.

PARENT / CARER CONTACT INFORMATION

If any of your **contact details** change it is **very important** that you inform the school immediately, including email addresses. In the event of an emergency we will go to the contact stored on the system.

We have had incidents where we have been unable to reach a parent due to them failing to inform the school of a change of telephone numbers. Please keep us informed by completing the downloadable form. Thank you.

<https://www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/policies-and-equality/>

OUR SCHOOL TARGET FOR 2022-2023 OUR TARGET IS 97%

Please help us to achieve our aspirational target of 97% by the academic year and NOT to take holidays during term time.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES: REMINDER

If your child requires medicine to be administered during the school day please complete the online form or come into Reception and complete it. **All medicines are to be left at the Office Reception** where they will be safely stored.

HEAD BUMP PROCEDURES UPDATE

We have excellent medical and first aid provision at Rivington, with all staff completing their Paediatric First Aid Training in September.

Where there has been a knock to the head they complete a special first aid form which is signed by a member of school staff treating the pupil.

This form is sent home with the child. In the most serious cases, parents will be contacted immediately.



WEATHER INFORMATION FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2022

We would like to remind you that in the unlikely event that we need to close the school due to severe weather conditions, details will be posted on the;

School website

<https://www.rivingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/>

We will also endeavour to text the first contact parent. Please ensure we have your most up-to-date mobile telephone number.

If it is necessary to close the school during the day, details will be posted on the School website and we will text the first contact parent through our messaging service. If at any time you feel the need to collect your child because of weather concerns, please do not hesitate to do so. To help keep the telephone lines free for emergencies, it would be most helpful if you could check the above before calling the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep your child safe whilst in our care.