

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first safeguarding newsletter of a brand-new academic year! In particular, welcome to our new families across the school. As we start the year I would like to remind you at Minerva Primary Academy, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is our top priority. Everyone who comes in to contact with the children and families within our community has a role to play.

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding ensures that every child, regardless of their age, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm. Safeguarding is the steps that people take to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm.

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway. If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999.

The Safeguarding Team oversee and co-ordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up to-date.

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Shahda Aslam

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Catherine Archer



Jenny Harvey

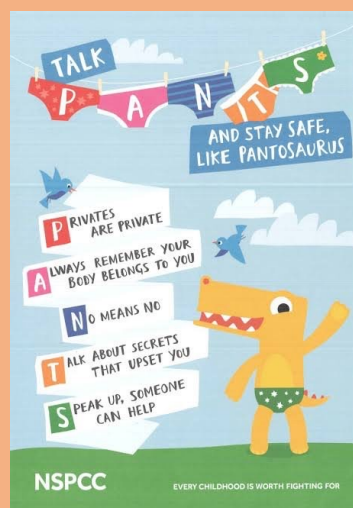


Jen Shaw

Academy Councillor



Bridget Suiters



This term, along with many schools across the country, Minerva Primary Academy will use the NSPCC Pantosaurus rule to help to teach children about keeping themselves safe. With the help of the friendly Pantosaurus dinosaur, adults, both at school and at home, can teach children about how to stay safe from abuse.

Pantosaurus Song

Meet Pantosaurus - our pant-wearing Dino! He wants every child to stay safe and strong, just like him, and he's on a mission to share an important message.

<https://youtu.be/-lL07JOGU5o>

Please visit the following link for advice on how to answer questions from children on this subject.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/pants-how-to-answer-questions/>

Useful Contact Numbers

Immediate Danger: Call 999 if a child or adult is in immediate danger.

First Response Team (Working hours): 0117 903 6444

Domestic Abuse Support (Next Link): 0117 925 0680

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 (24-hour free helpline) or text 88858 (free and anonymous).