

William Gilbert Endowed C of E Primary School and Nursery

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# Safeguarding and Child Protection

at William Gilbert School

## Welcome to our Safeguarding Newsletter

**Coming up in this issue** – Anti – Bullying, Online Safety – Safer Internet Day, Attendance, Keeping Safe in the Community – Winter Water Safety.

Safeguarding & Child Protection is the most important issue for our children and young people. At William Gilbert School, we feel it is crucial to work with our parents and the high-quality agencies that support schools and young people, so that we can offer a safe environment allowing children to be aware of the risks they may face and how to respond to them safely.

**Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility**

**At William Gilbert School we have the attitude of 'it could happen here' when safeguarding is concerned.**

The well being and safety of our children is at the very centre of school life. Please be reassured that the issues covered here are dealt with in school in a sensitive and entirely age appropriate way. We have a moral and legal duty to raise awareness and provide this information.

**The Safeguarding Team at William Gilbert Primary** This term Mrs Aston will be working full time as our Pastoral and Wellbeing Mentor. Part of her role is to support pupils and their families; to provide advice and access help as soon as a need emerges. Mrs Aston will be working to support families with a wide range of issues, including but not limited to, mental health and wellbeing, attendance, persistent lateness, the impact of community safeguarding issues including bullying and online safety. Mrs Aston can be accessed at the school gate most mornings, via the school office or via [enquires@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquires@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Mrs Whyld continues to be the most senior DSL in position. A DSL is always available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns. All our DSLs are trained to take on this role; the training is updated every two years enhanced by mid-term courses and conferences. The DSL has many responsibilities. They give advice, manage referrals, provide training and investigate any concerns.

## A Safeguarding Curriculum

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. This means that they should always consider what is in the best interests of the child. At WGES we believe that it is vital for our children to have opportunities to learn how to stay safe both in and outside of school—learning which comes from parents and staff at WGES.

**Here are some examples coming this term that you can discuss with your child**

- Weekly Safeguarding Awareness Assemblies covering the following topics this term – Winter water safety, Anti-Bullying refresher – speak out to help out, Internet Safety day 7<sup>th</sup> February, Staying safe online and Cyberbullying.
- Religious Education lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Opportunities to learn about other faiths and visit places of worship.
- RHE lessons – see knowledge mats on the school website for year group information
- Engagement with charities that broaden pupils awareness, understanding and worldview
- Behaviour policy and practice in school under the 'Golden Rules'
- Healthy Eating focus in Science and Technology lessons.

## Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary

**DSL:** Designated Safeguarding Lead

**LADO:** Local Authority Designated Officer - who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues

**CEOP:** Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre

**RHE-** Relationship, and Health Education

**KCSIE:** Keeping Children Safe in Education (available on the school web pages)

## Who's Who at WGES

- ◆ Mrs S J Whyld - Senior DSL
- ◆ Mrs E H Britten - Deputy DSL
- ◆ Mrs A Aston – DSL and Well-being and Pastoral mentor (Early Help)
- ◆ Dr N Ruggins – Safeguarding Governor
- ◆ Miss K Whiting – Acting EYFS/KS1 SENCO and Mental Health First Aider
- ◆ Miss B Rice – Acting KS2 SENCO
- ◆ Mrs S Owen – Mental Health first aider

Designated Safeguarding Leads can be accessed via our safeguarding email

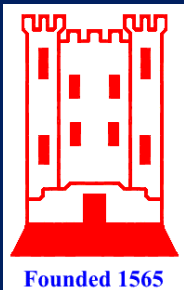
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If you believe that a child or an adult is at immediate risk of harm and in need of protection then you should call the Police - 999, straight away.

Alternatively if you want advice from the Police and the child or adult is not in immediate need of protection, you can call the Police on the telephone number 101.



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



# Anti-Bullying Updates



Anti-Bullying Week 2022 was a huge success with staff and children attending school wearing odd socks to support the anti-bullying message. It took place during the week 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 with the theme Reach Out. All week pupils learnt about what bullying is, what it is not, how to respond and reach out for help with trusted adults at school and home. There was a variety of work undertaken and important messages reinforced through our weekly safeguarding assemblies.

*Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, which intentionally hurts other people, either physically or emotionally*

The children will continue to learn about bullying, promote the anti-bullying messages, and work together to eradicate bullying from our school. We would like to share with you the results of a recent pupil survey on Anti-Bullying. At the end of the autumn term, pupils in year 1 to year 6 completed an online pupil survey.

## Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary

**Bystander:** A bystander is 'a person who does not become actively involved in a situation where someone else requires help' (Clarkson 1996, p6) and in this way is understood to be a passive observer, an onlooker who watches something happening, but stays on the side-lines and doesn't intervene or get help, even if someone needs it.

**Cyberbullying:** Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some cyberbullying crosses the line into unlawful or criminal behaviour.

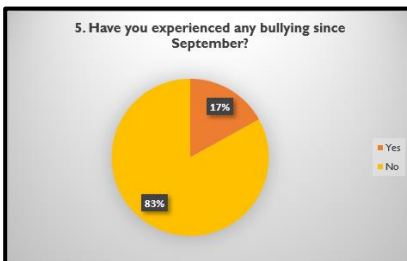
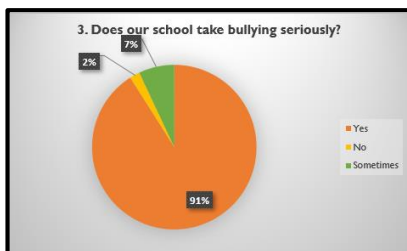
## Safeguarding Information at WGES

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Scan the QR code below to take you to **our Parent Support page**

Here you will find a wealth of information and resources to help you understand issues around bullying, how we support children in school and leaflets for parents to help you have discussions around conflict and bullying.



We expect bystanders (children, school staff and parents/ carers) to tell an adult in school. Bystander behaviour is regularly a feature of our safeguarding assemblies and RHE lessons.

At home please remind them how important it is to tell a trusted adult in school. **If you as a parent feel things have not been addressed or improved please contact school and our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) will work with you and your child to resolve the situation.**

## Summary of Results

- **99% (197)** of the pupils asked, felt that the **adults in school teach them about Anti-bullying** and where to get help. One child did not feel they are taught about Anti-bullying.
- **91% (181)** of the pupils stated that **our school takes bullying seriously**. 7% (13 pupils) feel we 'sometimes' take bullying seriously and 2% (4 pupils) feel we do not take bullying seriously. We will continue to work with all pupils to ensure their voice is heard and that they feel they are supported effectively when issues arise.
- **96% (190)** of the pupils feel **they know what to do if they are being bullied**. 4% (8) pupils stated they don't know what to do if they feel they are being bullied.
- Since September 83% (164) pupils reported that they have not experienced any bullying. 17% (34) pupils stated that they had experienced bullying since September. 23 of the 34 told a trusted adult and felt it was dealt with and things had improved for them. However 11 pupils did not tell a trusted adult and 8 of these pupils reported that things have not improved.
- Of the 34 pupils who reported in the survey that they had been bullied, described the behaviour they had experienced as one of the following – teasing, name calling and being left out. Although these unkind and upsetting incidents took place just once and therefore are not bullying – they are unacceptable.
- We will follow up each and every pupil who have, in their survey stated they have experienced bullying, and offer support to them.
- The full analysis of the survey is available on the school website. **ADD QR CODE/LINK TO TAKE THEM TO THE SURVEY ON THE WEBSITE**

# Keeping safe online



## Safer Internet Day 2023



Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on the 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in William Gilbert School, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents>

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

### Starting a conversation with your child

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

- ❑ **Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.** What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?
- ❑ **Ask them about how they stay safe online.** What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- ❑ **Ask them if they know where to go for help.** Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?
- ❑ **Think about how you each use the internet.** What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

### Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility

*Parents and Carers – keeping your children safe whilst online at home, is your responsibility. If children are left unsupervised online it could have consequences for their safety, mental health, wellbeing and academic achievement.*

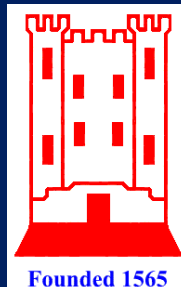
**Remember to - Supervise their online activity:** Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom.



internet  
matters.org

If Santa delivered new technology for your children at Christmas, you may need some support in adding parental controls. Internet Matters can support you to give your child a safe space to explore their curiosity online. Their step by step parental controls guides will help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites they use to give them a safer online experience.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>



## Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary

### My Concern –

Safeguarding record system (safeguarding and child protection software for schools used at WGES).

**CEOP:** Child Exploitation and On-line Protection Centre



Find further support about being smart online at:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

### Online Safety Information at WGES

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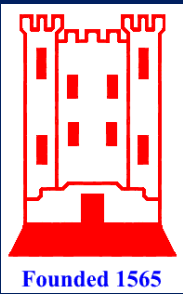
Please visit <https://www.williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk/staying-safe-on-the-internet/>

Or scan the QR code below



Visit Google's Interland to play fun games as a family to be internet awesome

[https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\\_us/interland](https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland)



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# Attendance



## Why is good attendance important?

Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school, and to establish positive life habits that are necessary for future success. Through regular attendance, pupils can:

- Build friendships and develop social groups.
- Develop life skills.
- Engage in essential learning and other school social events.
- Achieve to their full potential.
- Minimise the risk of engaging in anti-social behaviour and becoming victims or perpetrators of crime.

**All parents should promote good attendance and work in partnership with their child's school to provide a cohesive approach.**

### Can my child ever be absent?

When a pupil is absent from school, this will be classified as either 'authorised' or 'unauthorised'.

The governing board and headteacher decide which absences are granted as authorised. Authorised absences are only permitted for valid reasons such as:

- Illness.
- Medical or dental appointments.
- Religious observances.
- Family bereavement.

Wherever possible, parents should always try to arrange medical and dental appointments during school holidays or after school hours.



### What are unauthorised absences?

Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider essential or reasonable. Unauthorised absences can include:

- Forgetting school term dates.
- Oversleeping.
- Absences which have not been explained.
- Arriving at school after the register has closed.
- Leaving school for no reason during the day.
- Truancy before or during the school day.
- Keeping pupils off school unnecessarily or without explanation.
- Day trips or family outings.
- Problems with uniform/clothing.
- Birthdays and holidays.



Parents must not book holidays during term time, regardless of the reason. We appreciate the impact this has during financially difficult times. We also acknowledge parental annual working patterns and the positive impact of spending time together as a family. It is our statutory duty, and parents legal responsibility to ensure regular attendance at school and we must ask that school attendance is a priority. WGES Term Dates for the year ahead can be found at: [Term Dates 2022 2023](#)

Holidays, weddings and parental appointments will not be authorised. School will action the DDAT policy for absence fully. Please work with us to ensure that your child has every opportunity to take advantage of education available at WGES.

## Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary

**Early Help** – providing support as soon as needs emerge for a child or family.

**Persistent Absence (PA)** is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below.

**If you are struggling with getting your child to school or are finding it difficult getting them to school on time we can help. Mrs Aston our Pastoral and Wellbeing Lead is here to support you and your child.**

### Contact Mrs Aston

On the school number **01332 840395** or via email at [enquiries@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Or at the school gate each morning.

### Attendance Information at WGES

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**190 Days**  
**100%**



**Perfect Attendance!**

85% of children who are in school and on time every day will reach the expected standard or better in class

**184 Days**  
**97%**



**You reached the school target!**

Keep up the great work! The more you are in school, the better your learning will be.

**180 Days**  
**95%**



**You are nearly there!**

Keep coming to school everyday and on time... You have missed 10 days or 40 lessons.

**175 Days**  
**92%**



**It will be hard for you to make progress**

We are worried about your attendance. You have missed 15 days or 60 lessons already.

**171 Days**  
**90%**



**Persistent Absence!**

You have now missed 19 days of learning or 76 lessons. You may not reach your WGES potential

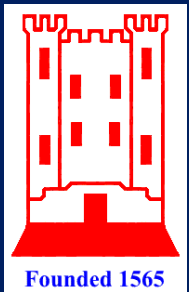
**19+ Days absence**



**Only 40% of children in this category will reach the expected standard in their class**

For more information about our attendance policy please follow the link which will take you to the schools attendance and absence policy <https://www.williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/DDAT-Attendance-Policy.pdf>

# Keeping Safe in the Community



## Winter Water Safety

Stay safe in winter – the dangers of frozen waters. In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

Areas with frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs can be beautiful places to visit during the winter months but all too often many people risk their lives by venturing onto frozen water. Here are some useful tips to help you know what to do in an emergency.

## Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary

**RoSPA:** Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

**My Concern** – Safeguarding record system (safeguarding and child protection software for schools used at WGES).

**EHA:** Early Help Assessment

**SEND:** Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

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If you believe that any child is in danger ring **Call Derbyshire** Tel: 01629 533190 choosing the option for urgent child protection calls at any time



### Don't go on the ice to rescue a dog

Don't go onto ice or into the water to rescue a dog, move to somewhere that the dog will be able to climb out and call them towards you.



### Keep back from the edge

When walking alongside water keep back from the edge.



### Teach children not to go on the ice

Teach children not to go onto the ice under any circumstances.



### Keep dogs on their leads

Keep dogs on their leads when near ice and don't throw sticks or toys onto the ice.



#RESPECTTHEWATER

## WATER SAFETY CODE



### Stop and Think, Spot the Dangers

If you are thinking of being near or entering the water, have you considered the following?

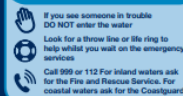
- Be aware of cold water shock. For more info visit [www.watersafetyscotland.org.uk/coldwatershock](http://www.watersafetyscotland.org.uk/coldwatershock)
- Keep off all frozen waters
- Check for safety signage
- Avoid alcohol and drugs
- The depth of the water may hide underwater ledges, hidden currents and unseen items
- Be aware of other water activities
- If it is safe to enter the water, ensure you have a safe way out
- At the coast, consider rip currents, wind and the tide

### Stay Together, Stay Close



It is better to grab the water with a hand or buoyant object.  
Float. Lean back, extend your arms and legs.  
Float until you can control your breathing. Then call for help or swim to safety.

### In an Emergency, Call 999



If you see someone in trouble DO NOT enter the water.  
Look for a throw line or life ring to help whilst you wait on the emergency services.  
Call 999 or 112. For inland waters ask for the Fire and Rescue Service. For coastal waters ask for the Coastguard.

TOP TIP: Thinking of taking part in a planned activity?

To enjoy your activity to the full, check that your provider is fully insured, with skilled staff and the relevant accreditation.



## Water Safety Advice and Links for Parents

Canal and River Trust – Winter Water safety <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/winter-water-safety>

Royal Life Saving Society <https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>

Parent Zone Scotland <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/news-and-events/keeping-your-child-safe-in-the-water/>

## What to do if you fall through the ice:

- Keep calm and shout for 'help'
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you anyway
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Preserve heat by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water
- Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check up

- S** Stay
- A** Away
- F** From
- E** Edge

