



# St Paul's News

Safeguarding Newsletter 5.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and are well rested.

## The Importance of Keeping in Touch.

Absence is taken very seriously and children's safety is paramount to us. In 2016 a mother shared her story to raise awareness of the importance of FIRST day calls and keeping up to date contact numbers.

Tragically, whilst she was working away, her husband suddenly died leaving two young children alone, scared and vulnerable. The school rang Dad to no avail, but did not follow up by calling anyone else related to the children. The alarm was not raised till teatime when Nan came to visit. The children had been alone for almost 24 hours.

We will do everything we can to prevent such situations occurring as I am sure you would agree that your child's safety is important to us all. We have a rigorous procedure that we follow and we would appreciate your cooperation.

## Remember :

- \* If your child is not going to be in school please call the school office before 9.30am to report their absence.
- \* If we have not heard from you by 9.30am ,we will attempt to contact the home by phone. We will continue to call the contact numbers in order on your child's contact list.
- \* If we can not ascertain where your child is, then we will attempt to make a home visit, either by the Education Welfare Officer or a member of staff from school.
- \* If we still have not been able to get a response then we will report it to the police and authorities and your child will be classed as a missing child.

This is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe.

Please let us know in good time why your child is absent from school.

## Our Safeguarding Team.



Mrs A. McGuire.

Principal.



Mr C. Taylor.

Chair of Governors / Safeguarding.



Miss N. Hartland

Safeguarding Officer/ HLTA.

We at St Paul's ensure that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that all staff, visitors, carers understand their roles and responsibilities in keeping children safe. If you have any concerns relating to a child or need advice, please call school to make an appointment and a member of the team will be happy to offer support.

Best Wishes.

N Hartland.