



Blossom Federation



Daubeney
Primary
School

Safeguarding News Spring 2025

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 at Daubeney Primary.

Below are the names of staff who are part of the safeguarding team at Daubeney Primary School.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:



Miss Cheryl Gustave

Designated Safeguarding Deputy:
Mr G Logan

Safeguarding Team:

Miss Gustave
Mr Logan
Mr Dharma
Miss Bibi
Mr Warren
Ms Beck (Governor)

They can be contacted via the school office, or by telephone on [020 8985 4380](tel:02089854380)

For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, please visit the 'Safeguarding' page on our school website:

<https://blossomfederation.com/policies/child-protectionsafeguarding-policy>

Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility



Dear Parents and Carers ,

There has been much 'talk' in the news about online safety. Our children face various online risks, including exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, online predators, malware, privacy breaches, and identity theft, which can lead to serious consequences for their well-being and safety. Gen AI (generative artificial intelligence) is now everywhere, but are you aware of the latest online harms that children may be exposed to from thousands of new apps and sites? In this edition we share some advice from the NSPCC website.

We hope that you will find this useful.

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Supporting children at different ages with the use of technology.

There are no exact rules about the right age to give your child access to technology. It can be quite daunting deciding when to give your child access to technology. Whether you are handing down an old device or buying your child a new one, it is important to think about

- ⇒ The age you give your child their own device.
- ⇒ The access your child has to online platforms and services.

Advice for parents of under 5s

- **Supervise use** - NSPCC recommend this age group only have supervised access to technology. This means that they should only be using technology when fully supported by a parent or carer.
- **Use family devices, accounts and services** – Use child friendly devices and services like children's tablets and child versions of popular video sites.
- **Check content first** – Check the content on apps and games each time before use and turn off features like 'autoplay' so you can be in control of what is shown next.

Set up your parental controls – make use of safety settings across your home Wi-Fi, devices and accounts. Why not check out the parental controls guidance on the NSPCC website

Start safety conversations - it's important to start talking about safety online as soon as your child is using technology.

Establish healthy habits - Make technology use purposeful from a young age by making sure it's playing a positive role in your family. You can do this by watching and enjoying age-appropriate online videos together.

You can learn more about Gen AI by clicking [here](#).

Advice for parents of children under 10 years old

- **Enable access to devices with limited features** - Device usage at this age is best kept to devices with limited capability. This could include tablets without data and non-smart phones that only allow calls and texts.
- **Keep tech use visible in the home** - Try to keep tech use in shared family spaces or used with bedroom doors open. This will allow you to support your child and be more aware of what they are doing online.

Follow age ratings – Apps, sites and games come with age ratings which are important to follow. You can find out the age rating on the website for the platform or by visiting [Common Sense Media: Age-Based Media Reviews for Families](#) | [Common Sense Media](#)

- **Use safety settings** – Explore the in-app and device safety settings with your child and check them regularly to make sure they are still in place.

Revisit parental controls – as children grow up and need the internet more for schoolwork you may want to adjust your [parental controls](#) see NSPCC website. Keep checking these regularly to make sure they are in place.

Have regular safety conversations – at this age online safety conversations should be happening regularly. Visit [advice on talking to your child about online safety](#) on NSPCC website

Build healthy habits - acknowledge the positives it brings as part of your safety conversations and agree rules and boundaries together as a family.

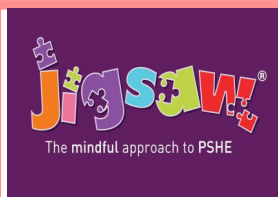
Did you know most popular social media platforms have a minimum age requirement of 13 years old These includes platforms such as: Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, Snapchat, X (formerly Twitter).

BUT WhatsApp has a minimum age of 16

Useful resources for parents:

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/

[Safeguarding Parental Support](#) | [LGFL](#)



Spring Term—PSHE Curriculum

We believe that one of the best ways to safeguard children, is through equipping them with the knowledge and skills for how they can keep themselves safe. Safeguarding themes are threaded through our curriculum and the enrichment opportunities we offer in school. Some examples include:

- ☐ Our PSHE curriculum is covered through the 'Jigsaw' scheme that is delivered from Nursery to Year 6.
- ☐ Online safety discussions
- ☐ Assemblies
- ☐ Involvement in Anti-Bullying week and Mental Health Awareness Week
- ☐ RSHE lessons.

Spring term's themes were:

'Dreams and Goals' in Spring 1 and **'Healthy Me'** in Spring 2

What to do if you suspect a child is being abused or in danger:

Report any concerns if you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused; please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead, or any member of staff. If you live in Hackney, you can contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on: 020 8356 5500 . If you live in Tower Hamlets, you can contact children's services advice line on: 020 7364 5601. **If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.**