



Otford Primary School

Dear Parent and Carers,

With the Summer holidays upon us, we wanted to wish you a safe and happy holiday. We hope this newsletter will signpost you to some useful resources and activities for over the summer.

Mrs Williams (Inclusion Lead/Senco) has produced some transition booklets to help you to prepare your child for their return to school on Monday 4th September. As always, we will be on the playground to welcome your children back to the new academic year:

[Class Pages | Otford Primary School](#)

During term time, if you have any concerns please do contact us, in confidence, so we can signpost and support you, your family and children. You can make an appointment via the school office or approach us for an appointment on the playground. Or email us, and please entitle Re: SAFEGUARDING safeguarding@otford.kent.sch.uk

Miss Chalkley and Mrs Cornelius

What is Safeguarding?

- Safeguarding means **keeping people safe from harm**. Everyone has the right to live in a safe environment, free from abuse and neglect. There are many definitions of the term, but the statement above covers them all. All children in school have the right to receive the necessary care and should be safeguarded at all times.
- **Support over the Summer**

There are a number of free activity days in the local area:

[FREE family fun days are back for the summer! | Sevenoaks District Council](#)



Miss Chalkley	Mrs Cornelius
Designated Safeguarding Lead & Deputy Head teacher	Designated Safeguarding Lead & Deputy Head teacher

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We sadly say farewell to Mr Harrison, our previous Safeguarding Governor, as his term has now ended. He has supported the school for a number of years and we thank him for all his support. We welcome our new Safeguarding Governor, Mrs Plowman to our safeguarding team.

If you are concerned about any child, please do contact us. This will be kept confidential.

In an emergency, contact the Police (if appropriate) or Kent Child Services directly on:

03000 41 11 11

social.services@kent.gov.uk

[Report abuse - Kent County Council](#)

Please do ensure your child is safe online:

[Staying safe online in the summer holidays - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Online Safety Leaflets & resources - Internet Matters](#)

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

[CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

[Helping Children Deal with Bullying & Cyberbullying | NSPCC](#)

LBQT + support [Mental health and being LGBTQ+ | YoungMinds](#)

External Support

Early Help provide a range of services to meet the educational, social and emotional needs of children, young people and families in Kent through [our partner organisations](#).

For example, they can offer support if:

- you are worried about your child's behaviour
- you are struggling to cope
- you are worried about your family finances
- your child is struggling to cope with bereavement
- your child is being [bullied](#)
- your child refuses to go to school or college
- you or your child want to develop new friends and have new experiences
- you are having difficulties with family relationships.

For further information: [Early Help \(support for families\) - Kent County Council](#)

You are able to make an Early Help referral yourself although we are able to support you with completing this if you would like. If we feel this may be beneficial for you, we may suggest this as an option during a meeting.

Financial Support

Should you have any financial difficulties providing school uniform for your child/ren, please do contact us as we can help.

Loaves and Fishes Food Bank [Loaves & Fishes – St John the Baptist Church, Sevenoaks \(stjtb.com\)](#)

Kent Support and Assistance Service [Home essentials in a crisis - Kent County Council](#)

Support for Ukrainian nationals [Support for Ukrainian nationals - Kent County Council](#)

Cost of living support – Kent Together [Cost of living support - Kent County Council](#)

Social, Emotional, Mental Health and Well-being Support

This term we held the grand opening of our new Peaceful Pod. This is a space for children to spend time in a different environment to the class room.



[Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)

[Kent Resilience Hub - Kent Resilience Hub](#)

[Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families](#)

[Well-being | Oford Primary School](#)

A referral can be made to the NHS School Health Service via this link:

[Emotional health and wellbeing | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](#)