



Summer Safeguarding Newsletter

July 2026

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 some of the links within the newsletter may be helpful for you too. We also wanted to thank you for your on-going care, commitment and collaboration. Together, we can all play a part in improving the lives of the children in our community.

From September, Mrs Roberts will be the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Williams will be the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs Williams has produced some transition booklets to help you to prepare your child for their return to school in September. As always, SLT 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 Mrs Roberts or Mrs Williams, in confidence, so they can signpost and support you, your family and children. You can make an appointment via the school office, or email safeguarding@otford.kent.sch.uk (please entitle Re: SAFEGUARDING)

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.



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We would like to thank Mrs Plowman for being our Designated Safeguarding Governor for the last few years. Thank you for your time and skills- we wish you the best for the future.

Your School Safeguarding Governor is now Nicola Crockatt (Vice Chair).

If you are concerned about any child, please do contact us, in confidence.

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](#)

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• Support over the Summer

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

[Free Family Fun Days | Sevenoaks District 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 + safeguarding [Safeguarding LGBTQ+ children and young people | NSPCC Learning](#)

External Support

Kent Family Hub provide a range of services to meet the educational, social and emotional needs of children, young people and families in Kent through [Kent Family Hub - Kent County Council](#).

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.

Financial Support

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

For adult support, e.g. finances [Our services | ReferKent Refernet System](#)

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

Sevenoaks Food Bank: [Home | Sevenoaks Foodbank](#)

If you have any suggestions for Safeguarding at school, or any useful information that we can signpost please do let us know via email.

Social, Emotional, Mental Health and Well-being Support



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

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

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

[Otford Primary School - Well-being and Mental Health](#)

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

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