



Carlisle and Hampton Hill Federation SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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Across our federation, the safety and wellbeing of our students is our top priority. As part of our ongoing efforts to teach children about personal safety, this month we are focusing on the important topic of 'Stranger Danger.'

While the world is full of kind and trustworthy people, it's crucial that children understand how to stay safe when approached by someone they don't know. We know that talking about this topic can be worrying, but equipping children with clear, age-appropriate safety strategies can help them feel more confident and secure.

This newsletter aims to give parents/carers information on the strategies the we as a school community can use to support our children's awareness of, and response to, 'Stranger Danger'



There is no definition of 'stranger danger'.

In effect, it is simply a slogan for child safety strategies which focus on recognising, and taking action in response to, strangers. Whilst the approaches, materials and methods may vary, **the common themes are not to talk to, go with or take things from strangers.** You may be interested in reading the 'Clever Never Goes' information which supports children to discern between different types of strangers and focuses on how to interpret the environment your child finds themselves in and take appropriate action (see link below).

Although most strangers pose no threat, it's important to teach your child to recognise suspicious behaviour. Encourage them to tell you or a trusted adult if someone:

- Asks them to keep a secret.
- Offers gifts or treats.
- Asks for help with directions or finding a pet.
- Tries to get them to go somewhere without asking your permission.

How our federation works inform children about 'Stranger Danger'
✓ Regular PSHE lessons and assemblies' positive relationships and key, trusted adults in our community
✓ Encouraging children to speak to a safe adult and be able to identify who these safe adults are (parents, teachers, police officers, etc).
✓ Encouraging children to openly share incidents with their family members and members of the school community
✓ Rights Respecting Schools

The senior team that take the lead on safeguarding are:



Mr. Marc Lowery
Designated Safeguarding Lead (HHJS)



Mr. David Wells
Designated Safeguarding Lead (CIS)



Ms. Zoe Brittain
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Future issues of our safeguarding newsletter will include spotlights on:

- Domestic Abuse
- Attendance and Punctuality
- Artificial Intelligence
- Filtering and Monitoring



Reporting safeguarding concerns

At times when we aren't at school and you have concerns around the safety/wellbeing of a child, contact the **Single Point of Access** on 020 8547 5008 (8am to 5.15pm, Monday to Thursday, and 8am to 5pm on Friday. Out of hours, phone (020 8770 5000.)

Urgent calls

Call 999 if you think a child or young person is in immediate danger.

Spotlight on: 'Stranger Danger'

TOP TIPS FOR FAMILIES

How can I respond if my child has a concern?

If your child comes to you with a worry or experience involving a stranger:

- **Stay calm** and thank them for sharing this with you
- **Reassure** them that they did the right thing
- **Take appropriate action** – this might mean contacting the police, informing the school and discussing strategies with your child in case of future incidents

Try using language like this when talking to your child about staying safe:

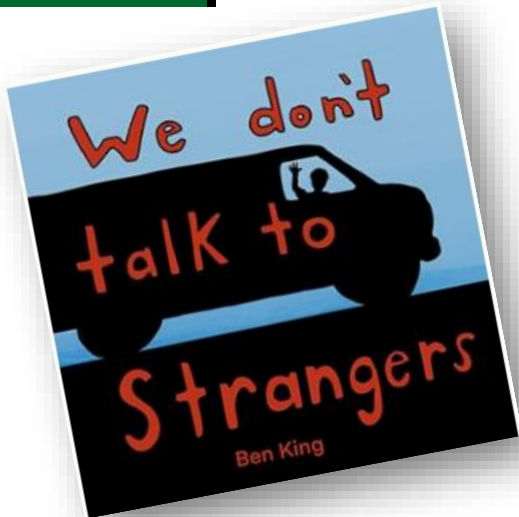
- **Staying safe** – "Pay attention to what people do. Tell me right away if anyone asks you to keep a secret, makes you feel uncomfortable, or tries to get you to go with them."
- **Going somewhere with someone** – "It's important for you to ask me and get my permission before going anywhere with anyone."
- **If you have a problem** – "Don't approach just anyone – if you need help, look for a uniformed police officer, a store clerk with a nametag, or a parent with children."
- **Avoid using language like this:**
"You can tell someone is bad just by looking at them."
"Stay away from people you don't know."
"Never talk to strangers."

Useful Information/Websites relating to this theme:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/>

<http://www.actionagainstabduction.org/clever-never-goes/>

For further insight into our federated approach to safeguarding, you can read our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy [here](#):



We Don't Talk To Strangers: A Children's Picture Book That Teaches Kids About Strangers Paperback – 28 Sept. 2022

by Ben King (Author)

Both schools now have email addresses for you to report confidential safeguarding concerns. These are only seen by the senior safeguarding leads.

safeguarding@carlisle.richmond.sch.uk or safeguarding@hamptonhill.richmond.sch.uk