

Talbot Primary School Safeguarding Newsletter November 2024

Operation Encompass

Talbot Primary School use Operation Encompass within school. Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.

For further information please use the link/ website below.

[Why was Operation Encompass created? : Operation Encompass](#)



Helmet Safety

We are really pleased more children are being active and are riding to school rather than using alternative transport.

We have seen an increased number of children who are not wearing a helmet to school.

Although wearing a helmet for adults is a matter of personal choice, hospital data shows that 45% of child cyclists suffer head injuries.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD WEARS A HELMET TO SCHOOL.

Online Safety

Within the UK 33% of children aged 5 have access of use to a mobile phone.

97% of 12 year olds have a mobile phone and access to different social media platforms.

Evidence published in 2017 showed at least one in twenty children experienced online sexual risks or harm. This figure is expected to be higher in 2024.

Keep your children safe with the Top tips below:

Online safety: top tips

Going online is a huge part of most young people's lives so it's important to talk to them about online safety. Here's our tips to get you started.



Chat to them about what they like to do online

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to talk to them and have regular conversations so that online safety is part of everyday discussion. Ask them open-ended questions like 'What's your favourite game or app to play on?'.

- Listen to what they have to say and show an interest. They could give you a demo of their favourite app or show you their favourite YouTube or TikTok account.
- They will probably be able to teach you things you don't know! This will also give you an opportunity to chat about any safety settings they might already have in place.
- Regular conversations with your child will encourage them to come to you if they ever need support or advice.

Talk about who they are in contact with online

There are lots of different ways that children can talk to people online – messaging apps, on social media, and less obvious ways such as chat on online games. Talk to your child about who they are talking to and what they are sharing with them.

- Use settings to help limit who can contact your child.
- Remind your child that they shouldn't share personal information with people they don't know online.
- Let your child know they can come to you or another trusted adult if any conversation makes them feel uncomfortable.

Help manage what they see and do online

Parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage how your child spends time online and help to keep them safe.

- Device settings – manage things like location sharing, screen time and in-app purchases. Most tech and gaming companies have dedicated pages to support with setting these up.
- App or game settings – in-app tools that can help to keep your child's account private and manage who they're talking to. You can normally find information on these in account settings or directly on the platforms website.
- Mobile or network provider settings – help to manage browsing access and stop your child from visiting inappropriate sites or downloading apps that aren't suitable. Contact your mobile or broadband provider for more information about setting this up.

Make sure to talk to your child first before implementing any new settings and explain to them how they help to keep them safe.

Online Grooming – Parents to be aware:

- More than 7,000 Sexual Communication with a Child offences were recorded by police last year (2023/24) – up 89% since 2017/18 when the offence first came into force.
 - Almost half of offences were on Snapchat (48%), where a means of communication was known.
- Most grooming cases (81%) take place against girls while primary school children are also being targeted by offenders.

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Attendance Matters

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We recognise that good attendance (above 96%) is key to good pupil outcomes. The links between regular attendance, reaching potential attainment and future life opportunities are well researched. For this reason, the school will encourage good attendance and be robust in monitoring attendance and take action when attendance falls below the expected level. Good attendance impacts significantly on progress, learning, friendship groups and the child's overall happiness at school.

Easy as

- 1 There are 190 school days in a year; this leaves 175 days to spend on family time and holidays.
- 2 It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child(ren) attend school every day and on time.
- 3 The school opens at 8:25 registration is from 8:30. Please arrive as close to 8:30 as possible to maximise learning opportunities for your child.

Attendance Matters Every student Every Day

We're here to help!

We understand that there are many reasons why children may be absent or late for school. Please speak to staff about ways that we can support you with this.



If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	almost 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	almost 8 years

Key Contacts:

Attendance Champion:

Cheryl Ponsford

Attendance Officer:

Jo Prout

Reporting Absences:

A parent/carer must notify the school of the reason for a child's absence before 9:30 on the day of absence.

To report absence please:

Call the school office on
01202 513 981
Line 1 (Absence)



Leave of absence is only given in very exceptional circumstances. We have a duty to follow the Local Authority code of conduct for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for absence.

Our Attendance Policy should be read in conjunction with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.



Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools after 19th August 2024.

Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

For example: a 5 day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child, payable within 28 days.

Talbot Attendance Reminders

Monitoring of attendance is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and is routinely monitored and reviewed on a regular basis.

1. Attendance below 95%: Class teacher/Year Leader will make contact with parent/carer.
 2. Attendance of 93% or below: parent/carer will receive an attendance monitoring letter
 3. Attendance of 91% or below: parent/carer invited to an Attendance Surgery (either by phone or in person).
- When a child has attendance below 90%, they are classified as a Persistent Absentee and parents will be invited to a meeting to discuss how we can work together to improve attendance. Talbot Primary School has a BCP Attendance Support Worker; Mrs Ponsford, School Attendance Lead and a Pastoral Team who are able to give guidance and support to families.

