

How Finchale Helps our School Community Stay Safe

Our school helps children stay safe through:

Our Curriculum (including PD & SEMH)

- RSHE & PSHE lessons and class assemblies
- Themed days such as Internet Safety
- Assemblies covering themes such as safety around water; Internet safety; Stranger Danger, safety around railway lines etc.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing sessions and systems such as Zones of Regulations; Transition; We Eat Elephants (tackling anxiety) etc.
- Wellbeing Co-ordinator provides sessions for individuals and groups; arranges support for parents/carers; liaises with external providers to provide mental health support in school.
- Medical Awareness such as Diabetes; Allergies; Epilepsy.
- Height and weight checks; visions and hearing checks; flu vaccines offered.
- Healthy lifestyle promoted.
- Hygiene and personal safety such as dental hygiene; handwashing; coughing and sneezing etc.
- Swimming lessons.
- Fire drills and fire safety.
- First Aid training.
- Balance Bike and Bikeability training
- Pedestrian training.

School Safety

- We have a secure school site with fencing around the whole site.
- We have gates to both Infant and Junior yards which are locked during the school day.
- Registers are taken promptly.
- There is a Fire register in every class.
- Children are collected by appropriate adult or given permission to walk home alone.
- Fire drills carried out regularly.
- There is a secure pathway from road down to our school entrance with crossing appropriately marked.
- We have a Crossing Patrol to support children to cross the road.
- There is appropriate lighting outside for evening meetings and events.
- Our Risk Register is complete, up-to-date and regularly checked.
- Risk assessments are carried out appropriately as and when required, such as for trips, visits, use of equipment etc.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

Children's Data

- School has contact details for all children and aims to have 2 emergency contacts. If these are not supplied, this is followed up by office staff promptly.
- Parents' permission is obtained for including photos and videos of children on school website and on newsletters. This is adhered to.
- Children's data is protected in line with GDPR.
- Permission is obtained for trips and visits in line with policy and recommendations.

School Values

- We promote a climate of kindness as Kindness Counts is our school motto.
- We have a clear behaviour policy which is consistently followed throughout the school.
- We have high expectations of behaviour.
- We actively promote positive attitudes.
- We foster a climate of respect and honesty.
- We believe that **everyone** counts.