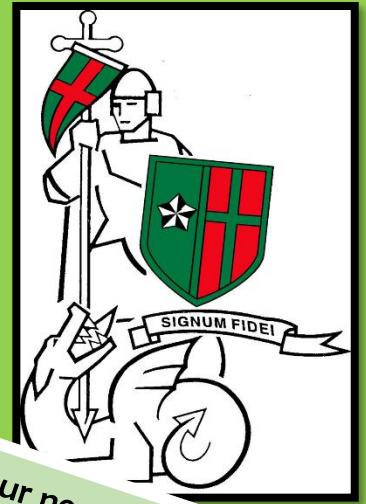


Safeguarding News

From Mrs Statham (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - DDSL) and Mrs Clark (Designated Safeguarding Lead - DSL)

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You may have noticed our new lanyards with St George's York printed on them. Staff wear green lanyards which denotes that all safeguarding checks have been carried out and that staff are all fully qualified to work with children.

Visitors to school may wear a red lanyard which denotes that they are not in school to work with children but may be on site to fix equipment etc.

Anyone wearing a red lanyard will always be accompanied by our site manager, Wendy, or by a member of staff wearing a green lanyard.

Children have been told about this simple rule.



National Hate Crime Awareness Week runs from 16th to 20th October

Hate crimes are acts of violence or hostility towards individuals and communities because of who they are, or who people perceive them to be.

Hate crimes are currently recorded where a crime is directed at someone because of their race, sexual orientation, transgender identity, disability, religion or belief.

Children will learn about this in an age appropriate way with their teachers and during their RSE and PHSE lessons.



Anti Bullying Week runs from 13th November to 17th November

The focus this year is:

Make a noise about bullying!

The week will be start with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

The main message children will take away from the week is:

We won't like everyone and we don't have to always agree with other people, but we CAN and WILL choose respect and unity.

E-safety Assembly 29th November led by Mrs Armstrong our Computing and e-safety lead

During this assembly the children will revisit the NSPCC PANTS initiative and be reminded all about being safe online. This links to our British Value of Mutual Respect



Internet Safety at St George's

Equipping children to be ready for the modern world means they have to have access to the internet and to work online.

We endeavour to make sure that your child works online in a safe environment.

We have extremely strict monitoring and filtering firewalls and software installed on all school devices. We work with VITAL (our local IT providers) who look after all of our devices and help us to keep everyone safe.

This filtering is designed to make sure that all potentially harmful material is blocked.

We have a strict list of banned words and phrases. These include all words connected to pornography, suicide and violence.

If a child types in any of these words or phrases it is flagged up to Mrs Statham and Mrs Clark immediately. The child is identified immediately to Mrs Statham and Mrs Clark.

We document all of these with our safeguarding governor Mrs Lyn Baxter.

We will speak to the child, investigate the issue and inform parents.

Children are taught all about online safety and online responsibility in our computing, RSE and PHSE lessons.