

Farcet CofE School

Safeguarding

Newsletter

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Road Safety Matters

Tips for keeping your child safe

Did you know that more than half of serious road accidents happen between 3pm-7pm, which coincides with after school hours (Child Accident Prevention Trust and ROSPA, 2025).

If your child/children are walking in the dark, make sure that they can be seen by ensuring that they are wearing something reflective so that they can be seen when car lights are shining towards them.

Remember to teach your child **STOP LOOK LISTEN.**

- Children will copy what you do, so try to avoid stepping into the road without making it obvious that you are checking that it is safe to cross first.
- Children cannot accurately judge the speed or traffic and safe gaps in traffic in the way that adults can, so children should always be supervised when crossing a road.
- Year 5&6 children should be taught to put away their mobile phones and take out any headphones when crossing the road. Remind them that they will be unable to hear traffic if they are listening to music.
- Brake the road safety charity provide road safety tips to share with your children. Here is the link:
<https://www.brake.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/mybrake/knowledge-centre/advice-for-parents-and-families>

Festive Safety Tips: Keep any Christmas cards, paper decorations and the Christmas tree away from heat sources such as candles, fires or heaters.



We ARE FARCET

We are *Forgiving*

We are *Ambitious*

We are *Resilient*

We are *Compassionate*

We are *Equal*

We are *Together*

'Let Your Light Shine'

(Matthew 5:16)

Here to Help



Farset C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine.' Matthew 5:16

Our Designated Child Protection staff members are:



Miss Caroline Sadler

Lead DSL

Headteacher and Prevent Lead



Mrs Donna Oldfield

Deputy DSL

Family Link Worker



Miss Kimberley Roberts

Deputy DSL

Deputy Headteacher

Contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

Email: LADO@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Professionals:

Telephone: 01223 727 967 (Monday to Friday during office opening hours)

Telephone: 01733 234 724 (Emergency Duty Team - out of hours queries)

Members of the public

Telephone: 0345 045 5203 (Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm)

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TAC: Team Around the Child (part of Early Help)

TAF: Team Around the Family (part of Early Help).

CP: Child Protection

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

PREVENT: Part of the PREVENT Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop children/adults being drawn into extremism

Online Safety

Keeping you child safe online this Christmas

During the Christmas holidays, it is likely that your child will spend more time online using their devices. Therefore, it is important as parents to know what your child is accessing online to protect them from abuse.

The NSPCC has created Top Tips advice for parents regarding protecting your child from abuse online. Here are the top tips that the NSPCC have suggested:



The NSPCC have provided an online quiz that you can complete with your child, if they are in KS2, to see how much they understand about online safety. You will be able to use this quiz to help to ensure that your child understands what to do if they encounter similar scenarios. Here is the link for the NSPCC quiz: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/>

Top tips for talking to children about staying safe online

1. Start with the positives

Being online can be a great way for children to learn, be creative, and stay connected with friends and family. Recognising these benefits helps keep conversations balanced and encourages confident, safe use of the internet.

2. Find the right time and place

Choose a calm moment to talk, such as during a walk, car journey, or shared activity. Avoid starting the conversation when emotions are high or during a disagreement.

3. Use child-facing resources and advice

Support your conversation with age-appropriate tools, videos, or guides. These can help children understand messages and make the discussion more engaging and relevant to their stage of development.

4. Ask about their experiences

Use open questions like:

- 'Have you seen anything online that made you uncomfortable?'
- 'Who do you chat with online?'
- 'Are they people you know offline?'
- 'How do you feel when using certain apps or games?'

5. Make it part of everyday life

These chats don't need to be formal or one-off. Regular, relaxed conversations help children feel supported and more likely to speak up if something worries them.

Festive Safety Tips:

- Ensure you switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house.

What to do if you are worried about a child's safety during the Christmas holidays?

During out of school hours, if you are worried that a child may be suffering from harm, please use the following link to report your concern: [Safeguarding children and child protection | Cambridgeshire County Council](https://www.cambs.gov.uk/children-and-families/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection)

What to do if you are worried about your child's mental health

- 1) Speak to the Lead DSL (Miss Sadler) or Deputy DSLs (Miss Roberts and Mrs Oldfield)
- 2) Contact your GP and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with them.
- 3) Call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.
- 4) Visit www.youngminds.org.uk.
- 5) Call 999 if your child is in immediate danger

