

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Keeping Safe Outside of School

This term, children are learning about Road Safety. Members of the Road Safety Team in Leeds visit school every year to teach children how to keep safe when near roads.

We are also starting to see some brighter weather. This means there will be opportunities for children and families to get out and about.

Bike/scooter safety

Children are so whizzy on bikes and scooters; they often appear fearless and love to race ahead. It's important to teach children some basic safety tips to keep them safe when out and about, even if you are with them.

- Children should wear helmets to protect their developing brains. You may want your child to wear wrist/knee pads too
- Be bright, be seen – wear high visibility clothing to ensure other road/path users can see you coming
- Stop, look, listen, LIVE! – Know when to stop. Always come to a complete stop at kerbs and walk across the road. Don't cycle or scoot
- Be considerate – think about other path users and beware when crossing



Click on the image above for more advice.



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Our Safeguarding Team

You can always speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads if you have a worry about any child.



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OUT WITH STRANGER DANGER IN WITH CLEVER NEVER GOES



TEACH THE CLEVER OPTION AT HOME

CLEVER NEVER GOES is the new, child-friendly lesson that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.

It's been created to help parents/guardians talk to their children about staying safe in a simple way.

Instead of creating a fear of people it teaches them to recognise the danger in a situation, regardless of who's involved.

THE RULE:

If anyone asks you to go - even someone that you know - if it hasn't been agreed, remember: CLEVER NEVER GOES



The **CLEVER NEVER GOES** rule means children shouldn't go anywhere with anyone - even if they know them - if it hasn't been agreed in advance by a parent or guardian.

And please remember, children learn through repetition so make sure you remind them regularly of **CLEVER NEVER GOES** when they're going outside or online.

For more information, ideas and resources to have that clever conversation go to: clevernevergoes.org

WHY CHANGE?

Since it was introduced in the 1970's, the 'stranger danger' message has been fundamentally flawed.

Most strangers will help rather than harm a child, and many people that do pose a risk to children are not strangers.

Furthermore, it demands that all strangers should be treated with suspicion, which breeds fear in our communities. This has led to children spending less time outdoors, fuelling a rise in obesity and mental health problems.

Add to this, children are spending more time online, increasing their risk of being groomed. Now is the time for a new approach that creates safer, happier and healthier children.

Backed by more than 1,000 schools across the UK, **CLEVER NEVER GOES** is more practical than stranger danger and gives children the skills and confidence to safely explore their outdoor and online worlds without fear. And gives parents the reassurance to let them.

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What to look for in a sports club, group or activity

Look for a sports club, group or activity that takes the safety and wellbeing of your child seriously. Always check if the club or organisation have the right safeguarding policies and procedures in place. Even if they're affiliated to a National Governing Body, we detail some key things to look for below to ensure they take children's and young people's safety seriously.

- The activity should take place in a safe environment with equipment that's regularly checked to ensure it's safe to use.
- You can contact a [welfare or child protection officer](#) about safeguarding or any other concerns you have.
- You should receive a form asking for your consent to the activity, your contact details and any relevant medical information about your child from the club or organisation.
- There should be clear procedures and processes for raising complaints and concerns about your child's safety.
- A Safer Recruitment process includes vetting and ensuring all staff and volunteers have appropriate references, criminal records checks and the right technical qualifications for the activity.
- All staff and volunteers should be trained in safeguarding and child protection. The NSPCC provides [information and online courses](#) for people who work with children and young people.
- Children and young people should be suitably supervised (based on their age, ability, the activity and venue) by adults who are trained to care for them.
- A written standard of good practice should outline the boundaries that staff and volunteers should respect when working with children and young people and should address things like discrimination, bullying and social media behaviour.

Remember, it's never wrong to ask for more information when it comes to children's and young people's safety, wellbeing and safeguarding. Organisations should welcome questions about their [activities and policies](#) and should have answers on hand if you ask.

The NSPCC provides more guidance around this. You can access the information by clicking on the images below.

