Morley Primary Weekly Safeguarding Bulletin

Theme: Water Safety & Outdoor Safety

Week Beginning: 18th May 2026

Welcome to our weekly safeguarding bulletin for parents. Each week, we share important information to help keep our children safe, informed, and supported.

Why this theme matters

As the weather becomes warmer and evenings become lighter, children naturally spend more time outdoors — playing with friends, riding bikes and scooters, visiting parks, or exploring local areas.

While outdoor play is extremely important for children's health and wellbeing, Derbyshire safeguarding partners and emergency services remind families that this time of year can also bring increased risks linked to:

- Open water
- Roads and traffic
- Bikes and scooters
- Parks and unsupervised areas
- Online arrangements to meet friends
- Reduced routines and later bedtimes

At Morley, we want children to enjoy their independence safely whilst continuing to make sensible choices and seek help from trusted adults when needed.

Water Safety

Every year, children and teenagers across the UK are seriously injured or lose their lives in rivers, lakes, canals, reservoirs, and quarries.

Even on warm days, open water can be extremely dangerous because of:

- Very cold temperatures beneath the surface
- Strong currents
- Hidden debris or rocks
- Deep mud or slippery banks
- Sudden drops in depth

Children should be reminded:

- Never enter rivers, lakes, canals, reservoirs, or quarries unsupervised
- Never jump into unknown water
- Never encourage others to take risks for videos or dares
- Always tell an adult where they are going
- Call 999 and ask for the Fire Service if somebody is in danger in water

A key message used nationally is:

“Float to Live”

If accidentally in difficulty in water:

1. Tilt your head back
2. Relax and float

3. Move your hands gently
4. Call for help when calm

Outdoor Safety

As children gain independence, reminders about everyday safety are extremely important.

Road Safety

Please remind children:

- Stop, look, listen, and think before crossing
- Remove headphones near roads
- Stay alert when riding scooters or bikes
- Wear helmets when cycling
- Avoid dangerous play near roads or car parks

Scooters, Bikes & Parks

Children should:

- Stay where adults know they are
- Avoid isolated areas
- Come home at agreed times
- Know how to contact parents if plans change
- Avoid risky behaviour encouraged by peers or social media

Online & Outdoor Safety Together

Many friendship plans are now made online through:

- Gaming chats
- WhatsApp groups
- Snapchat
- Group messages

Please regularly check:

- Who your child is communicating with
- Location sharing settings
- Privacy settings on devices/apps
- Age-appropriate use of social media

Children should never arrange to meet somebody they only know online.

Sleep, Routine & Attendance

Longer evenings can sometimes lead to later bedtimes and tiredness.

However, good sleep routines remain extremely important for:

- Emotional wellbeing
- Behaviour
- Learning
- Concentration
- School attendance

The government continues to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance, and every day in school matters.

Local Derby & Derbyshire Guidance

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service and Derbyshire Police regularly issue reminders about:

- Water safety
- Bike and scooter safety
- Summer holiday risks
- Anti-social behaviour near parks and open spaces

Useful local guidance:

- Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Water Safety
- Safer Derbyshire
- Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

How Morley keeps children safe

At Morley, we support children through:

- Regular safeguarding lessons
- Online safety education
- PSHE and personal development sessions
- Trusted adult conversations
- Road safety reminders
- Safe decision-making discussions

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and strong partnerships between school and home are vital.

Reporting concerns in our community

If you are worried about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to our safeguarding team or use our My Concern Community reporting tool:

https://www.morley.derbyshire.sch.uk/can-i-talk-to-you-safeguarding-concerns/

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