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Cubitt Town Primary School

Keeping Everyone Safe

The Safeguarding Curriculum

We believe that one of the best ways to safeguard children is to equip them with the knowledge and skills to be able to keep themselves safe. Safeguarding themes are interwoven throughout our curriculum and the opportunities we offer in school. Some examples include:

- **Our 'Values' assemblies which are delivered to all children from EYFS to Y6**
- **Age-appropriate online safety workshops**
- **Online safety discussions within computing and other relevant lessons**
- **Involvement in Anti-Bullying Week and Mental Health Awareness Week**
- **Relationships & Health Education (RHE) lessons**
- **Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) lessons**

Getting your child to school on time really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year your child is late everyday...	your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

Who to contact if you are worried about your child or another child?

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999

Our Safeguarding Team oversee and co- ordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Miss R Bruce Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:
Karen Ward, Jacqui Jenkins, Miss Drew Rennie, Mr Pear

School Safeguarding Governors:
Mrs M Davies

All can be contacted via the office or by telephone on:
0207 987 4362
Email
childprotection@ctpschool.org

For a copy of our school's Child Protection Policy, please visit the Safeguarding page on our school website:
https://www.ctpschool.org/about-us/safeguarding

Attendance Matters

We are sure that like us, you as parents and carers realise the importance of attendance and punctuality.

As a School we continue to work hard to try to raise attendance levels. The whole school's attendance for the Autumn Term is currently 91% which is below the national average expectation of 96% and above.

Attendance facts:

- All schools must report their termly attendance percentages to the Local Authority
- If your child is not in school s/he does not reach his/her learning potential
- If your child's attendance falls below 90% they will be monitored by the Senior Leaders and the Tower Hamlets Attendance Welfare Officer. We will offer early help support for your family
- Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child receives a full time education
- Parents can be issued with fixed penalty notices (fines) for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly - this includes taking children out of school on holiday
- The local authority has the power to prosecute parents in the magistrate's court for the offence of failing to ensure their child attends school regularly



How can you help your child attend school regularly?

- Talk to your child about school
- Take a positive interest in your child's work
- Make sure your child understands why school is important
- Get everything ready for school the night before
- Arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays
- Bring your child to school for the time before or after an appointment,wherever possible
- Take holidays during school holidays and not during term time
- Only grant days at home for genuine illness (you will know!)
- If your child is slightly under the weather with coughs, colds, still send them into school- children often start feeling better as the day goes on and they get busy, and if the school is worried we will call you.
- Children can attend school if they are taking medicines - we can give children certain medications with your permission.

Please also ensure that you:

- Keep in touch with school staff- we may be able to support you with advice
- Contact school on the first day of absence if your child is unable to attend for whatever reason and keep in contact with school on every day of absence.
- Give up to date contact details to school as and when they change including mobile phone numbers
- Attend attendance meetings if you are invited to do so - in these meetings we can agree an action plan so that school, parents and children can work together to improve attendance
- If your child is absent due to an appointment, please send in the appointment card or letter clearly named and dated

How do I report an absence?

If your child is unwell and cannot attend, we ask that you call the school office before the start of the school day. Our office opens at 8am and can be contacted on 0207 987 4362. Please call everyday that your child is unwell.

We also have a google form to report absences which can be found on the website or here https://www.ctpschool.org/parents/reporting-pupil-absence

Keeping Children Safe Christmas Time



Help and Support over the Christmas Holiday



https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/

ChildLine
0800 1111

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Safeguarding Children Partnership

What should you do if you are concerned about a child?

If you have a concern about the welfare or safety of a child during the office hours of 9am-5pm, you should contact the Tower Hamlets MASH:

- Tel: 020 7364 5006 option 3
- Extensions: 5606/5601/5358/7796
- Email: Mash@towerhamlets.gov.uk

If a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999.

Your responsibility is to report your concerns. A Social Worker will follow these up with any necessary investigations or assessment or alternatively contact:

- Emergency Duty Team (EDT) – Out of hours service
- Tel: 020 7364 4079 (after 5pm and at weekends).

Write to the following address:

Tower Hamlets Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
Tower Hamlets Town Hall
160 Whitechapel Road
London
E1 1BJ

Free and confidential domestic abuse support
Solace in Tower Hamlets
0203 795 5064
towerhamlets@solacewomensaid.org

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Report a crime

Is it an emergency?

Does it feel like the situation could get heated or violent very soon? Is someone in immediate danger? Do you need support right away? If so, please **call 999 now.**

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service 18000 or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergencySMS service.

BILLY'S PANTRY
EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS
CONTACT
020 7531 0310
ADMIN@ISLAND-HOUSE.ORG

Island House Community Centre, Roserton Street, E14 3PG
Food is a human right and is an immediate and tangible way to help someone. Billy's Pantry provides non-perishable food in jars, cans, bottles and sealed packets to anyone in need.
Donations welcome and gratefully received!
www.island-house.org / www.facebook.com/islandhousecc

Men's mental health support

CALM: call 0800 58 58 58 - open 5pm to midnight

Samaritans: call 116 123 - open 24/7

Shout: text 85258 - open 24/7

Men's Health Forum: visit menshealthforum.org.uk

Men's Minds Matter: visit mensmindsmatter.org

Men's Sheds: visit menssheds.org.uk

#InternationalMensDay

Mental Health Foundation