

## FOREST SKIES FEDERATION SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER



### SAFEGUARDING AT FOREST SKIES FEDERATION

Within the Forest Skies Federation, we encourage children to be open about their experiences so that they know it is always safe to disclose concerns to a trusted adult.

We aim to create an environment that teaches boys and girls how to behave respectfully towards each other, and how to respect personal and physical boundaries. Through our Jigsaw and PSHE lessons, we ensure the children develop an age appropriate awareness of this theme, including understanding how to show respect to themselves and others.

If children understand their own bodies, the terminology to use and why certain words are not appropriate, they will speak more knowledgeably and respectfully to each other.

The Safeguarding Governor for the Forest Skies Federation is **Heather Saunders**, she can be contacted through the school office.

The safeguarding governor's responsibilities include:

- Behaviour and recruitment of both staff and volunteers
- Ensuring the school is following safe recruitment procedures and reviewing all activity and policy relating to the physical and emotional well-being of all children
- Seeking improvement to ensure the school follows best practice in creating a productive and safe environment for all.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

**Mr M Davies**

Birchwood Junior School  
01522 800971

**Miss N Haughton**

Lancaster School  
01522 685078

**Miss J Bingwa**

Woodlands Infant and Nursery  
School  
01522 683557

**Miss C Page**

Forest Skies Federation  
01522 800971

For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding 2022 Policy, please visit the 'Safeguarding' page on our website.

To make a referral directly to  
Lincolnshire Children's Services  
**01522 782111**

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## THE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS



The Equality Act 2010 aims to prevent discrimination. It is illegal to discriminate against people based on nine protected characteristics:

age

disability

gender reassignment

marriage and civil partnership

pregnancy and maternity

race: can refer to colour, nationality, ethnic or national origins

religion or belief: can refer to religious or philosophical beliefs, including a lack of belief

sex: refers to a person's gender  
sexual orientation

No form of discrimination is tolerated within the Forest Skies Federation, but it is particularly important that children are taught about these protected characteristic groups and the importance of showing respect to people within these groups.

We address this in a number of ways, such as through our assemblies that address respect and tolerance. We also ensure that our curriculum is planned and delivered in order that children learn about these protected characteristics in an age appropriate manner.

## OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Our Federation participates in a national scheme called 'Operation Encompass', which is a joint partnership between Lincolnshire Police and schools. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified. This system has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident.

We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour. Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school receives an email from Lincolnshire Police the morning after a child has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident. We are then able to use this information to provide the right support to any child and their family as and when it is needed.

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## 5 top tips on how to **BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at [www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad](http://www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad)

Be Bright,  
Be Seen

THINK

We are always mindful for the safety of our children near to roads and conscious of how vulnerable they can be. Therefore, we are sending out an important reminder to these dangers as autumn draws in and the clocks go back an hour on Sunday 30th October, signalling the end of British Summer Time. At this time of year, there is reduced visibility for drivers and pedestrians and as a result, your child can become even more vulnerable near to roads. Please discuss with your child how important it is to be visible when near roads, how wearing brightly coloured clothing shows up well in daylight but as it gets dark, reflective clothing and accessories are far more effective in highlighting pedestrians through car headlights or street lamps.



## Halloween Safety Tips

- 1** Younger children should always walk with an adult. Older children should always walk in a group.
- 2** Only go to houses where you can see a light on.
- 3** Use torches, glow sticks or reflective tape to make it easier to be seen in the dark.
- 4** Only go to houses where you know the people who live there.
- 5** Pay attention when walking past driveways to make sure cars aren't pulling in or out.
- 6** Be aware of flames e.g. lit candles, and keep at a safe distance.
- 7** Costumes and shoes should fit properly to avoid trips or falls.
- 8** Costume accessories, such as swords, shouldn't be sharp. They should be soft and flexible.
- 9** Do not eat any sweets / treats until your adult says you can.
- 10** Cross at a safe place along the road.
- 11** Walk, don't run.



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## EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



### Healthy Minds Lincolnshire

provides emotional wellbeing support to children and young people up to 19 years old (25 if special educational needs/disability or leaving care).

### Kooth Online Counselling

A safe and confidential online counselling and support service for young people aged 11-18 years old (up to 25 for Care Leavers or young people with SEND).



**Healthy Minds and CAMHS  
'Here4you' Advice line  
0800 234 6342**

'Keep them safe' is a free online learning tool from PACE and Virtual College which has been accessed by more than 29, 000 parents and professionals  
<https://paceuk.info/training/online-learning/keep-them-safe/>

Are all your contact details up to date?

If you change your home phone/email/mobile number, please let the school know, so that we have the most up-to-date contact details.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

**Citizens Advice  
0808 223 1133**

**Lincolnshire Fire-setter Intervention  
Scheme Hotline  
01522 843400**

**EDAN - Domestic Abuse Support  
01522 510041**

**Night Light Crisis Cafes  
(Mental Health Support)  
0300 0111 1200**

**NSPCC  
0808 800 5000**

**Childline  
0800 1111**

Please see the following section on the Forest Skies Federation Website for further support available in the community:

<https://www.forestskiesfederation.co.uk/our-community/>