



Welcome to our [Winter](#) safeguarding newsletter

*We hope you found the summer newsletter useful, as it gave you some guidance and advice on keeping your child safe.*

As per **OFSTED** guidance, all children are expected to go outside at playtimes and at lunchtimes regardless of the weather. Therefore, your child will need appropriate clothing at all times; coat, sensible footwear, hats and scarves. There are exceptions, especially for those children who have been advised by their GP/hospital that they need to stay indoors. In these cases, please speak to your child's class teacher.

**It is always useful to label all of your child's items of clothing.**

**Have you ever thought of donating your unwanted clothes? Any charity shop would be very grateful.**

**Pets are not just for Christmas!!!**

Children love family pets. Pets teach children how to love and care for animals, they teach them how to take responsibility for them and to learn about life and death. However, like humans, animals can be temperamental and it is important to learn to understand when they wish to be left alone. Do not 'pin' an animal in a corner, if they feel trapped and a child is approaching them, they may lash out.

Therefore, always supervise your children when they are with their pets, teach them how to stroke gently and advise them stay away from them when they are eating.

If you are thinking about buying a pet, please consider whether you can afford to feed it, who will be looking after it and who will take over the duties if the children get 'bored'.

Take a look at the RSPCA website for advice and guidance:  
[www.rspca.org.uk](http://www.rspca.org.uk)



**Some surprising facts.....**

71% of parents upload 5 or more images of their child each week on social media.....

The minimum age for WhatsApp, Snapchat and Face book is 13 years old....

1 in 4 children have experienced something upsetting on a social networking site.....

Last year, there were 12,000 counselling sessions through Childline, with young people who talked about online issues.....

One in five 8 to 11 year olds has a social media profile.....

(Taken from NSPCC 2017)

If the school is closed due to bad weather conditions, a text will be sent out and a message added to the website.

We are very fortunate at Jesson's to have a fantastic Pastoral Team:

Mrs Anslow – Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Sharma – Attendance Officer

Miss Cope – Family Support Worker

The team can be contacted on the usual school number 01384 816825 or by email [info@jessons.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@jessons.dudley.sch.uk). All 3 members of the Pastoral Team are also available on the playground each morning. If you have any concerns or need any support, please do not hesitate to contact the team.

### **BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN!!!**

If you're a motorist then you'll know how difficult it can sometimes be to see pedestrians wearing dark clothes at night or when visibility is poor. This is an issue for all children, especially as many school uniforms are dark. If your child walks home from school, it is important to ensure they are kept safe on the roads.

#### **How can my child be seen more easily?**

- If walking near traffic at night, reflective clothing is needed.
- Reflective clothing reflects light from car and bike headlamps.
- Reflective armbands and clothing can be bought for children.
- Remember that fluorescent colours do not show up in the dark.

For older children who may consider fluorescent and reflective armbands and clothing 'uncool', stickers can be bought which can be put on bags or coats.

This message isn't only for children: make sure you wear bright clothing too!

Further info can be found at [www.think.direct.gov.uk](http://www.think.direct.gov.uk)

**If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please let us know first thing in the morning. Not giving a reason for your child's absence may result in it being unauthorised. We have specific First Aid trained members of staff who will be able to treat your child should they become unwell in school. If your child is deemed too ill for school, a member of staff will contact you to collect.**

**We are becoming increasingly aware of children watching inappropriate films and playing inappropriate video games. Many video games have violent themes, and some studies link kids' exposure to violent video games with increased aggression and lack of empathy.**

**With this in mind, please ensure all games and films are age appropriate.**

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[www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)**