



Little Bloxwich Primary School Parent Safeguarding Newsletter Summer Term 2 2026



Safeguarding & Child Protection is the most important issue for our children and young people.

At Little Bloxwich, we feel it is crucial to work with our parents and the multi agencies that support schools and young people, so that we can offer a safe environment allowing children to be aware of the risks they may face and how to respond to them safely.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility

At Little Bloxwich we have the attitude of 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned.

The well-being and safety of our children is at the very centre of school life. Please be reassured that the issues covered here are dealt with in school in a sensitive and entirely age-appropriate way. We have a moral and legal duty to raise awareness and provide this information.

The focus of our safeguarding newsletter is **Garden Safety**.

Playing outside is great fun and it's good for children. But, there are some things to watch out for to keep children safe from serious injury. Below are some top tips to make your garden a safer place to play.

Drowning

It's scary to think about but babies and toddlers can drown in very little water. So supervision around ponds, pools and hot tubs is essential.

Keep babies and young children in arms reach when they're in water.

If you have a paddling pool, empty it out after use and turn it over so it can't refill with rainwater.

Securely cover larger pools and hot tubs after every use.

Fill in, cover or fence off ponds while your children are little.

Think about your neighbours gardens too – young children can wander off into them and drown even if you don't think they have access.

Gardening Tools

Garden tools are helpful for us but dangerous for our little ones. Lock them away in the shed or other secure area, particularly if you're not using them. Never leave electrical equipment plugged in when not in use.

Our School Safeguarding Team

Mrs Taylor – Head teacher – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Robinson – Parent Support Advisor – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Oliver – Deputy Head teacher - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Smith – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Safeguarding Governor – Jennie Westley

BBQ's and Fire pits

A barbecue and the ground underneath it can stay very hot enough to cause a serious burn for a long time after it's been used so stay alert and keep children well away from the cooking area until it is completely cooled.

The same goes for a fire pit – they can still be hot enough to burn the next day! Plus, they have the added hazard of being lower to the ground so it is easier for little ones to reach out and grab. It is also important to teach children to not throw things into the fire.



Chemicals



Accidental poisoning can happen in an instant, even if you're there. Keep chemicals out of reach of young children and always keep them in their original containers. Do not be tempted to transfer them into food jars or bottles.

Buy products that contain a bittering agent that can deter swallowing. Weed killer, fertiliser, anti-freeze, plant food and many other items found in sheds are highly poisonous to children.

Trampolines

Trampolines are great fun and fantastic for burning energy. Most trampoline accidents happen when there are 2 or more bouncers at the same time. The biggest risk is when the users have different weights and it's usually the little ones that get hurt.

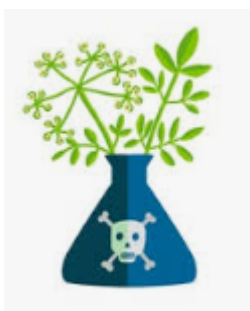
Let children take it in turn and avoid adults and children jumping together.

Teach children the trampoline rules.

Use a net to prevent falls.



Plants



Whilst serious poisoning by plants is uncommon in the UK, it's always best to be safe. Some plants may cause stomach upsets or discomfort when eaten. A small number of common garden plants are more toxic and could cause severe poisoning.

Teach children never to eat plants or berries they have picked in the garden or out and about without checking with an adult first.

Poisonous berries can easily look like the ones they have for their snacks.

If you believe that a child or an adult is at immediate risk of harm and in need of protection then you should call the Police - 999, straight away.

If your concern have a concern for a child, you can contact Walsall Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 555 2866 (out of hours service 0300 555 2922) for further advice and support.