



Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority at All Saints'. Everyone who comes in to contact with the children and families who comprise our community has a role to play.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs): Mrs. Stephenson Mrs. Conlin Mrs. Dunn Mrs. Pearson

Supporting Your Child with Transition

Just like adults, children cope with changes and transitions in different ways. Some people breeze through change with excitement whereas others need more support. Families play a vital role in making sure this is a positive experience for our children. Here are some tips for supporting us with the upcoming transitions:

1. Be positive: how you react to change will strongly influence your child
2. Focus on the constants for your child: lots will stay the same such as friends, lessons and staff
3. Listen to any concerns that are forthcoming but don't go looking for them
4. Have conversations: talk about next year – what will drop off and collection look like, will they attend wrap around care or school clubs? If they feel like there is a plan, they may worry less
5. Keep in touch with friends over the holidays!

Summer Water Safety

Summer is an amazing time to enjoy Britain's waterways but we should be mindful of how dangerous water can be. Statistics show that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents; every year we hear of children who get into difficulties in our rivers, lakes and seas, often with tragic consequences.

Rivers and lakes/lochs pose the greatest risk as there are often unseen hazards and conditions that the average person is not equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision such as a lifeguard.

Dangers of playing in or near open water:

- Unknown depth: some rivers and canals may only be 1 to 2 metres deep. If a person jumps in from a height, they may hit the bottom much sooner than they think and cause themselves an injury
- Currents are not always visible. These can pull someone under the water and can be hard to swim out of
- Invisible submerged objects items like trolleys, bricks and sharp objects can be found on riverbeds and in open water. If they aren't visible, someone may hurt themselves.
- The reeds and plants in open water can be hazardous if they get tangled around legs or arms preventing us from being able to swim.
- Uneven or slippery banks: it's easy to lose our footing and then it can be hard to get ourselves back on the bank
- Cold temperature of the water: in summer, even though the temperature outside is hot, the temperature of water in rivers, the ocean, lakes etc. is still colder than you think.

For more information and advice about keeping your children safe around water, including what the different coloured flags on our beaches mean, go to the RLSS UK website where you will find lots of parent resources:

[The Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](https://www.rlss.org.uk/)