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Dear Parents

Safeguarding is an issue that we take extremely seriously at Newlands Spring; the welfare and safety of our children underpins every policy we use and determines the curricular activities the class teachers set each term. We adhere to stringent safeguarding procedures to protect the welfare of all the children to ensure that they have a learning environment that is safe and one they feel secure in. All our staff are regularly trained and are fully conversant with the procedures of our safeguarding/child protection policy; we all take ownership of our roles and responsibilities.

In our ever changing world where information is readily available there is an increasing need for parents to also play an important part in the education of their children regarding safeguarding, particularly online safety, stranger danger and generally raising their awareness of issues that fall under the safeguarding umbrella.

Many of you will have seen the items in the press recently concerning the abuse that has been prevalent in the world of football; the BBC has published two articles summarising the different ways parents can approach this subject in a simplistic, delicate, child friendly manner. A link direct to two relevant articles is attached below; please take the time to read and share the content with your child or children as you feel appropriate.

How to talk to your children about sexual abuse:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38129733?mc_cid=62a88f19b5&mc_eid=bad1c9e622

England Captains: Child Safety Film

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38185414?mc_cid=62a88f19b5&mc_eid=bad1c9e622

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss the school’s safeguarding policy, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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