

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2025

SUMMER SAFETY

Children have been learning about how to keep themselves safe this summer. We have learnt about knowing our address, how to call emergency services, water, fire and road safety. Please do ask your child about what they have been learning in school this week.

SLUSHIES - WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

Slushie drinks often contain glycerol (E422), which can be harmful to young children if consumed in large amounts. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has recently highlighted cases where children under 4, and sometimes up to age 7, have become unwell after drinking slushies containing high levels of glycerol.

The FSA advises that we advise that children under 7 do not consume slushie drinks.



IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAY YOU SHOULD CONTACT:

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL SOCIAL CARE

01733 864180

OUT OF HOURS: 01733 234724

Why Knowing Your Child's Whereabouts Matters

During the holidays, children often spend more time out and about with friends or at activities. Knowing where your child is, who they're with, and what they're doing helps keep them safe.

- Set clear boundaries: Agree together where your child can go, for how long, and who with.
- Check in regularly: Encourage your child to keep in touch—whether it's a quick call, text, or message.
- Know their friends: Get to know who your child is spending time with, and have contact details for their friends' parents/carers.

WATER SAFETY

Supervision is key: Always keep children within arm's reach around water, regardless of their swimming ability.

Designate a 'Water Watcher': At gatherings, assign one responsible adult to supervise children near water at all times.

The best colours to choose for swimwear are neon colours as they can be easily seen in the water.

PADDLING POOL SAFETY

- Never leave children unattended: Even a few centimetres of water can be dangerous.
- Empty after use: Always empty and turn over paddling pools when finished, to prevent accidental falls or drowning.

