



Ellington Contextual Safeguarding

Safeguarding incidents and/or behaviours can be associated with factors outside school and/or can occur between children outside the school. All staff consider the context within such incidents and/or behaviours occur. This is known as **contextual safeguarding**, which simply means assessments of children should consider whether wider environmental factors are present in a child's life that are a threat to their safety and/or welfare. Regular updates are also shared about these in our fortnightly news bulletins.

Geographical factors	Ellington's Response
<p>We have a close proximity to national speed limit roads, there is a deep pond within the village, a dene with a river and the North Sea.</p>	<p>All classes during the academic year receive assemblies regarding road, cycling, water safety, about being out in the dark - be bright, be seen.</p> <p>Staff take the children on local walks and teach them about all elements of keeping safe.</p> <p>Road Safety sessions where the children have practical opportunities to practise being safe are accessed from the local authority</p> <p>Swimming lessons are delivered to KS2 children.</p>
Social and economic factors	Ellington's Response
<p>Pupils visit local play parks, sometimes with older siblings or children.</p>	<p>We teach pupils about personal safety and making the right decisions to keep themselves safe regarding their behaviour beyond school.</p>
Peer group factors	Ellington's Response
<p>Pupils have older siblings or other family members who may be influential to younger family members.</p>	<p>We teach pupils about personal safety and making the right decisions to keep themselves safe regarding their behaviour beyond school.</p>
Home factors	Ellington's Response
<p>Lots of our pupils are connected to the internet at home and regularly use gaming devices to engage in online games with their friends.</p>	<p>Through our Computing Curriculum, pupils are taught about online safety.</p> <p>We mark Safer Internet Day annually (February). We use SENSO software to track all activity on school devices.</p> <p>Parents are communicated through our news bulletins outlining any new developments in E-Safety.</p> <p>Parents are able to contact school should they have any concerns.</p>