

Dear Parents/Carers,

Starting in Week 1, Term 2, all children in Pre-primary will be learning Protective Behaviours through weekly lessons taught by Jodie Bell the School Psychologist.

Protective Behaviours is a personal safety and child abuse prevention program endorsed by the Department of Education in Western Australia. The program is based on two key themes:

1. We all have the right to feel safe at all times
2. We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is


The ten topic areas are:

1. Feeling Safe – we all have the right to feel safe
2. Early Warning Signs – the signals our bodies send to our brains
3. Safety Continuum and Problem Solving – safe, risky and unsafe situations
4. Safe surprises and unsafe secrets
5. Networks – safe adults that we can talk to who will listen
6. Persistence – asking for help until you get it
7. Public and private – body ownership, correct naming of body parts
8. Personal space – social distance, safe and unsafe touch
9. 'No, Go, Tell' – use of body language, words, tone of voice and seeking help
10. Program review – revising key messages and reinforcing the learning

Parents and carers are encouraged to access further information through the Protective Behaviours website to learn more about this program, in order to support and reinforce the messages and concepts covered at school:

[www.protectivebehaviourswa.org.au](http://www.protectivebehaviourswa.org.au)

If you would like further information regarding this program please email [info@sdps.wa.edu.au](mailto:info@sdps.wa.edu.au).



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