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Nelly's Nursery

Safeguarding Newsletter

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Safeguarding is everyone's business

At Nelly's Nursery, you will never be wrong or criticised for reporting a safeguarding concern. You can speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) whenever you have a question or concern.

Your DSLs

At Nelly's, we have a DSL or Deputy DSL on site at all times. Their photos are on the safeguarding poster near the entrance. We always encourage you to speak to a DSL if you have any concerns or questions.

All of our staff complete regular Safeguarding Training to a minimum of Level 2. We all participate in annual refreshers, as well as Local Authority Safeguarding webinars to ensure our training and skills are up to date.



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Using a Car Seat

UK law states that in any car, van, or goods vehicle:

- Children **MUST** use a child car seat from birth until they are 12 years old or reach 135cm tall, whichever comes first.
- You must use the correct car seat for your child's age, height and weight. Different classes of car seats are available for newborns, toddlers, and older children.

Not only will using the correct car seat for your child give them the best possible protection in the event of a crash, but it will also ensure that they are comfortable on short and long trips.

At Nelly's, we have a duty to ensure that all parents and carers are using car seats when dropping off or collecting the children.

For more information about car seats, please see the RAC's guide for parents: <https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/road-safety/car-seat-laws>

Car Seats and Cold Weather

As the weather drops colder, it's important to ensure your children are dressed appropriately for car journeys.

Any thick or puffy coats or snowsuits should be removed before your child is placed in their car seat.

During a car accident, the force of a crash can cause the straps to flatten against the filling of a coat, which creates extra space between the harness and your child, increasing the risk of your child slipping through the straps.

Dress your child in multiple layers before strapping them into the car seat. Avoid using hat or headbands as these can slip down onto a baby's face. You can drape a blanket over them once they are strapped in to keep them warm.



Remember, Remember, Firework Safety!

Fireworks are exciting, but they can be dangerous! There's no substitute for adult supervision when it comes to firework safety. And it's never too early to start teaching children how to stay safe.

Here are some things that you can do to keep safe on bonfire night:

- Store fireworks in a metal box and out of reach of children before you use them.
- Use a marker, like a rope to cordon off the area where the bonfire or fireworks are. The safest place is at least 18 metres (or 60ft) away from any buildings, sheds or trees.
- Make sure you wear gloves when you hold a sparkler and hold it away from your body.
- Only hold one sparkler at a time
- When your sparkler is finished, put it in a bucket of water. Don't pick it back up as it can stay hot for a long time.
- Don't go back to a firework once it's been lit- it could still go off!

Safe Collections

As the new term quickly approaches, we understand that grandparents or other family members might start doing some nursery drop-offs and collections to help around busy lives and school-runs.

Can we please ask that you let a member of staff know if someone else is collecting your child from nursery. For any person who might be collecting your child from nursery, especially if it's their first time collecting,, we will need the following:

- Their full name
- A photograph
- They will need your child's collection password
- They will need to bring photo ID with them

Safe Eating and Choking

We know that as children grow and learn, and start exploring new tastes and textures, its important to teach children about eating safely. However, it's always good to have some knowledge of what to do in the event of choking.

At Nelly's we use an Anchor during mealtimes. Each room will have an Anchor, who is first aid trained and will sit and observe the children as they eat. Their only role is to keep the children safe.

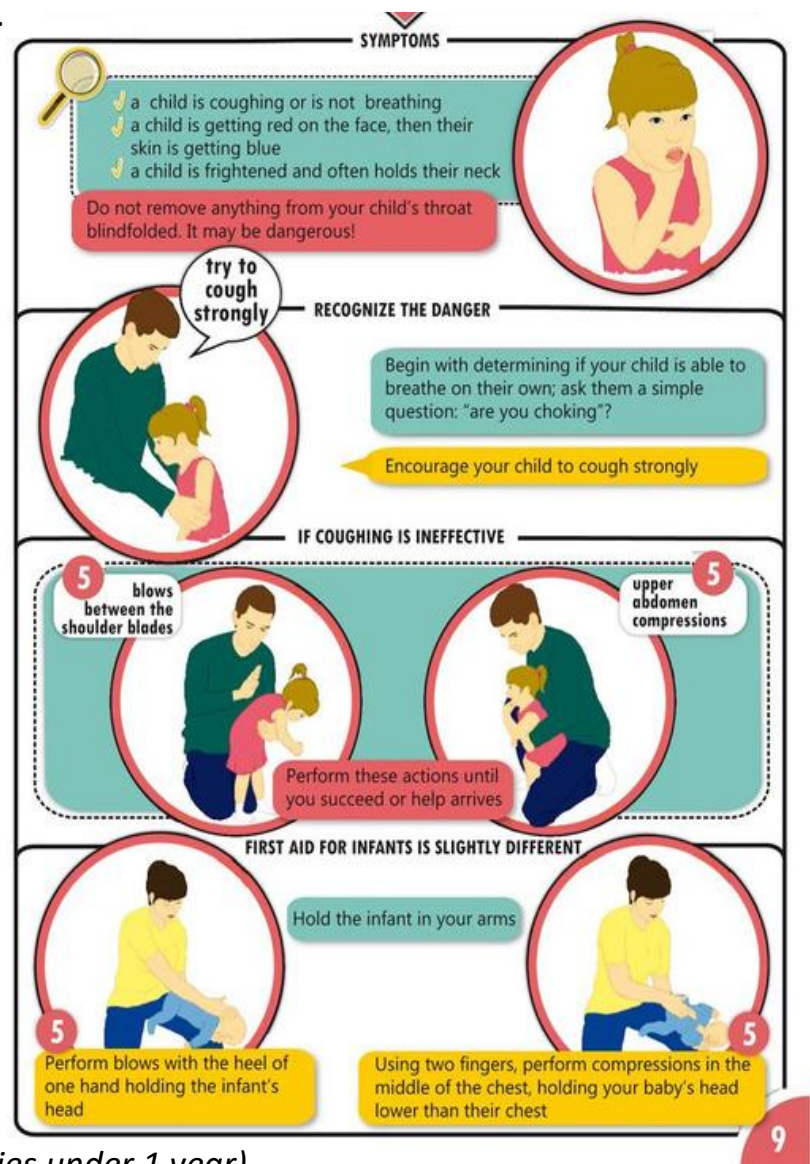
The NHS recommend these tips to help with a child choking:

If you can see the object, you can try to remove but don't poke blindly with your fingers as this can make things worse by pushing the object further in.

If your child's coughing loudly, encourage them to carry on coughing to naturally bring up what they're choking on. Don't leave them unattended.

If the coughing isn't effective silent or unable to breathe, shout for help immediately and decide whether they're still conscious.

If your child's still conscious, but they're either not coughing or their coughing isn't effective, use back blows or chest thrusts (babies under 1 year), or back blows or abdominal thrusts (children over 1 year).



For more information and guidance around Choking, please see the NHS website: [How to stop a child from choking - NHS](#)

Online Safety

As part of our curriculum, we regularly talk to the children about how to keep themselves safe, and this includes being online. We discuss internet safety with the children, such as talking to a parent or family member if they see something online that they are unsure about.



Here are some ways that you as parents can support this:

- Keeping open communication about the internet
- Reporting any abuse or inappropriate content
- Turning on Parental Controls/Restrictions
- Looking at educational stories likes Digi-Duck, which are great at opening up conversations with your child.

You can find more information about Online Safety here: [Keeping Children Safe Online | NSPCC](#)

We have renewed our online usage policy for the start of this academic year, in line with new guidance from the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Did you know that it is recommended that children under 2 years of age should have zero screen time? It is also recommended that children ages 2-5 years only have 1 hour of screen time per day.

Bringing Dogs to Nursery

We appreciate that some of our families have beloved pets at home and that the children love having their dogs bringing them to nursery or coming to pick them up.

In line with changes to the EYFS coming into effect this term, can we please ask that if you do bring your dog with you for the nursery run, that they are kept on a short lead at all times.

Any banned dog breeds **are not** permitted on nursery premises.