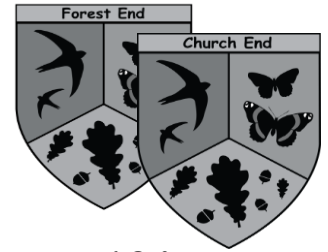


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Value of the Month: Determination

30th June 2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

With the lighter evenings upon us now and more children are staying out later to play in parks with their friends and with some of our Year 4 children walking home independently a reminder of how to keep safe is always important.

We have taken time today to remind children about how they can keep themselves safe when they are playing outside independently. Clever Never Goes has been developed to replace the out-dated 'stranger danger' approach. The programme aims to give children practical safety skills which they can use as they get older and become more independent.

Whilst child abduction is relatively uncommon, it's important that children can recognise the potential signs of danger. Teaching children simply to avoid strangers doesn't work. Most strangers will help rather than harm children. Conversely, it is often people known to children that pose the greatest threat. Clever Never Goes moves the focus away from strangers and instead teaches children to recognise when someone (anyone) is asking them to go with them.

The NSPCC have produced a useful guide for parents and carers with advice on preparing your child to stay home alone or out alone <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/home-or-out-alone-guide>

Kind Regards

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Head of School & Designated Safeguarding Lead

I am a Domestic Abuse Responder, you can talk to me about Domestic Abuse