

Safeguarding Family Blog

PANTS (protective behaviours)



‘The children are at the centre of everything we do’

A safe culture within our school

At Glastonbury Thorn School, we strive to keep our children and families safe and happy. In this blog, we cover some of the issues surrounding protective behaviours.

Child Protection — What’s it got to do with you?

Parents and carers have a duty to keep their child(ren) safe and also educate them in what is acceptable and unacceptable.

Between the ages of 4 and 7, children are naturally inquisitive and explore the world around them. It is a time of learning, including what is right and wrong.



At GTS, the children are taught about how to keep themselves safe and how to respect others around them. Part of this is understanding protective behaviours. To help the children understand this, we talk about ‘PANTS’ which is an NSPCC initiative. It teaches children that our bodies are private and must be kept to ourselves. By understanding this, children know that if anyone touches them or asks to see what is underneath clothing, they must say ‘no’ and then tell an adult. We also teach the children the ‘Stop! I don’t like it!’ signal.

As stated previously, children at this age are on a learning journey. However, they must know that they cannot ask to see a child’s private parts, touch another child or expose themselves. In terms of safeguarding and our statutory responsibility to keep all children safe, such incidents are classified as ‘child on child’ concerns and are taken very seriously, especially as children get older.

We continue to promote 'PANTS' at school but you can promote this at home too. The following link takes you to the [PANTOSAURUS](#)! Here you can watch the child friendly video (as used in school) and also read more information regarding protective behaviours.

Thank you for reading and please take care of yourself and others,

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What are the PANTS rules?

