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**Headteacher – Mr U Patel**

**Chair of Governors – Mrs G Smart**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Staying Safe**

At the beginning of the year we informed you of the information provided on our website regarding 'Staying Safe,' in the Celebrating Children section of our school website.

The aim of this 'tab' is to make sure that the relevant information and support needed to ensure the safety and well-being of our children is available to all.

Herrick Primary School is committed to providing the highest possible standards of safeguarding and child protection. We want all of our children to develop healthily and thrive.

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mr Patel, also Mrs Aydin and Miss Kaur are assistant safeguarding leads. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of us if you have a concern. The link governor for safeguarding is G Smart who is also the Chair of Governors.

On our website there are a number of key sources that provide essential information. Go to: Celebrating Children – Staying Safe – People who can help – then refer to CEOP, Childline and NSPCC. A big part of keeping children safe is making sure to look after their emotional and mental well-being. Helping them develop healthy emotional bonds from infancy can have a lifelong effect, and a strong relationship can make it easier when you want to discuss sensitive issues.

As your child grows older, you'll also worry about how to keep them safe when you're not always around. When is a child old enough to be home alone? And how can they keep safe when they're out on their own? You'll also want to teach them about online safety.

Of course, some people find it awkward to talk about some subjects. So if you don't know how to talk to your child about difficult issues, these pages on our website will provide helpful advice and support.

Also, please find enclosed a pamphlet called '*Keeping Children Safe in Education*' that all volunteers and visitors receive when coming to our school.

Please note - *We have our Community Link Officer available both at the start and end of the school day, who will receive and refer you to the relevant staff regarding any concerns you have. Mrs N Kaur will be available at reception.*



Yours sincerely

Mr U Patel  
Headteacher

***'to give each and everyone a chance'***