

Ridgmont Lower School ~ Safeguarding Newsletter



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Easter is nearly upon us!

Safeguarding is the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Attendance Update

Attendance is good and remains above national average. The most up-to-date national figure available is for w/e 13th February 2026. The national figure stood at 94.8% and the school's figure was 96.58%.

A Reminder or two!

School Keep Clear Signs

Please help keep our children safe by not parking on the zig-zags and do not use the car park as a thoroughfare. Please ensure you use the designated paths at all times.

Who to contact if you have a concern about a child.

Report any concerns if you suspect a child is being harmed or at risk of being harmed. Please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or the Deputy.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999 immediately.

You can also contact the Integrated Front Door - Children's Services

☎ 0300 300 8585 (Mon-Thurs 0845-1720hrs & Fri 0845-1620hrs)

0300 300 8123 (Out of Hours)

✉ IFD@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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What's included?

- *Warning of significant choking risk*
- *Children and phone safety*
- *Does your home internet have an effective filtering system in place?*

Ridgmont's Safeguarding Team

The Designated
Safeguarding Lead

(DSL)

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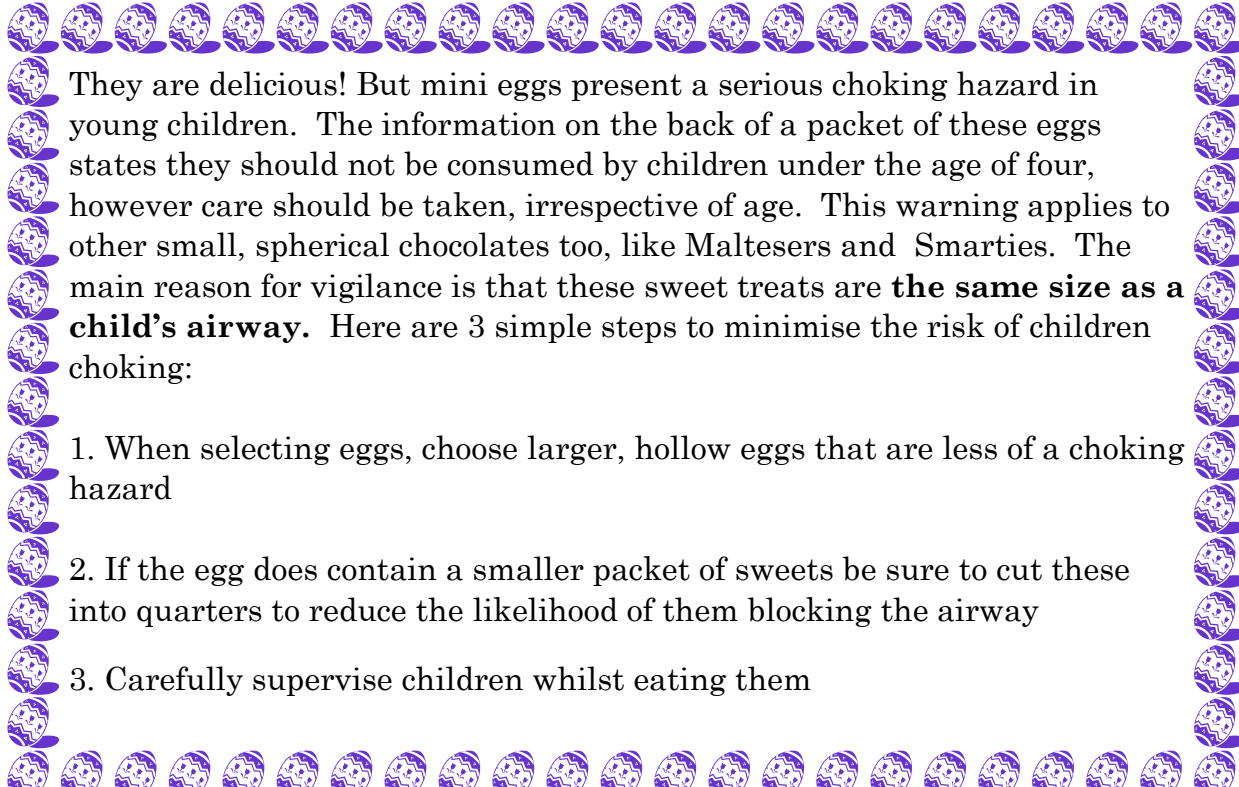
Allison Jakes
Headteacher

The Deputy
Designated
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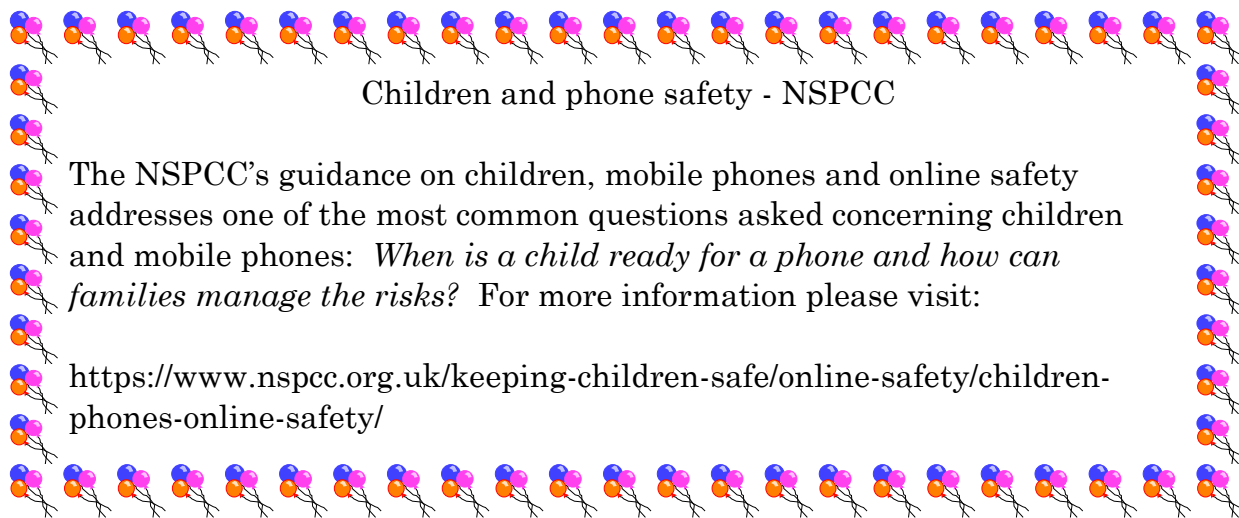
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Jane Stringall
Senior Teacher



They are delicious! But mini eggs present a serious choking hazard in young children. The information on the back of a packet of these eggs states they should not be consumed by children under the age of four, however care should be taken, irrespective of age. This warning applies to other small, spherical chocolates too, like Maltesers and Smarties. The main reason for vigilance is that these sweet treats are **the same size as a child's airway**. Here are 3 simple steps to minimise the risk of children choking:

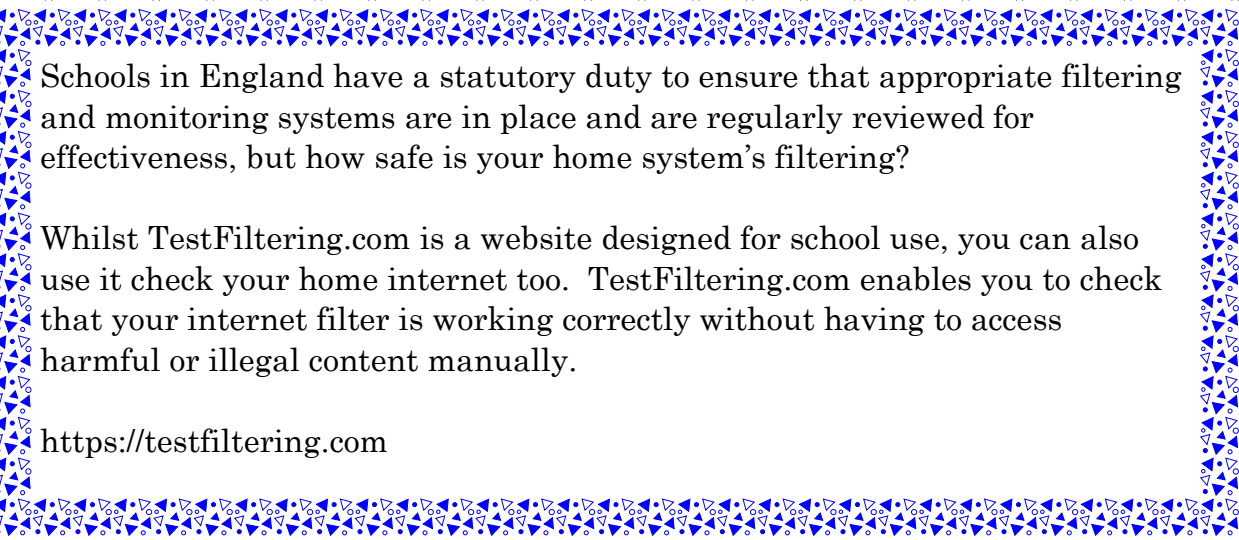
1. When selecting eggs, choose larger, hollow eggs that are less of a choking hazard
2. If the egg does contain a smaller packet of sweets be sure to cut these into quarters to reduce the likelihood of them blocking the airway
3. Carefully supervise children whilst eating them



Children and phone safety - NSPCC

The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety addresses one of the most common questions asked concerning children and mobile phones: *When is a child ready for a phone and how can families manage the risks?* For more information please visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>



Schools in England have a statutory duty to ensure that appropriate filtering and monitoring systems are in place and are regularly reviewed for effectiveness, but how safe is your home system's filtering?

Whilst TestFiltering.com is a website designed for school use, you can also use it check your home internet too. TestFiltering.com enables you to check that your internet filter is working correctly without having to access harmful or illegal content manually.

<https://testfiltering.com>