

## Encouraging Good Behaviour from Children

Many of us grew up being smacked, slapped or beaten when we misbehaved. Lots of adults feel 'it never did me any harm' or 'it works', but we would like you to consider the following questions:

- If it works so well, why would it have to be done repeatedly?
- Think about a child being hit by someone they trust; how would that make them feel?
- As parents, do we want our children to fear us, or respect us? Sometimes these are thought of as the same thing but are they?
- Do we want our children to make good choices out of fear of what might happen, or because they understand and want to do the right thing?
- Adults are role models for children. What does smacking or hitting another person when they have done something

In the UK the law around smacking is complex but it is illegal to harm a child. If physical chastisement is used, there is always a risk that the child could be harmed. Any punishment that causes a visible injury, or uses an implement will always be considered to be illegal. It is also important to remember that using physical punishments will cause emotional harm.

Therefore, if we discover that a child is being physically punished in any way, we will always follow our safeguarding procedures.

We do not judge, we know that as parents we all want the best for our children and worry about how to ensure they behave as we would like them to. If we have been raised a certain way, we may have to learn a whole new set of parenting skills and this is hard. At Drove we offer free parenting courses which can do just that, we can also offer 1:1 sessions with Kate, our Family Support Advisor, who can talk through concerns about your child's behaviour and give you strategies to help manage them.

If you would like help changing the way you encourage good behaviour at home, please call the school office to book an appointment.

**KATE ROWLAND**  
**OUR FAMILY**  
**SUPPORT ADVISOR**

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/INFORMATION-FOR-  
PARENTS/FAMILY-  
SUPPORT-WORKER](https://drove-pri.swindon.sch.uk/information-for-parents/family-support-worker)

### OTHER USEFUL LINKS

**Useful information from the NSPCC about positive parenting:**

[https://learning.nspcc.org.u  
k/media/1195/positive-  
parenting.pdf](https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1195/positive-parenting.pdf)

**The Parenting Course we offer here at Drove is:**

[http://www.familylinks.org.uk  
/parents](http://www.familylinks.org.uk/parents)

**Family support charity giving advice on a wide range of parenting challenges including a helpline to phone:**

[https://www.familylives.  
org.uk/](https://www.familylives.org.uk/)

**Online parenting course available for free:**

[https://www.netmums.  
com/support/netmums-  
parenting-course](https://www.netmums.com/support/netmums-parenting-course)

## SAFEGUARDING TEAM AT DROVE

<p><u>Helen Swanson</u> (Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead, DSL)</p>		<p><u>Bryony Bardwell</u> (Assistant Principal and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, DDSL)</p>	
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### Safeguarding

As a school we have a responsibility to make sure that all the children that attend Drove are happy, healthy and safe. From time-to-time we may notice something or children may say something that concerns us. In this situation, we would always ask to speak to parents and carers in order to support in any way necessary. Many parents / carers do not realise that when our concerns are significant, we have a LEGAL duty to pass them on the MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub). For more information please see:

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20043/child\\_protection/43/multi\\_agency\\_safeguarding\\_hub/3](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20043/child_protection/43/multi_agency_safeguarding_hub/3)

### **What can you do if you are concerned about a child?**

We have lots of support available in school to support families.

**Jackie Hanley is our Learning Mentor** and works directly with children to support them with their worries at home, school or with friendships. She can support children with managing emotions and behavior choices.

**Kate Rowland is our Family Support Advisor** who can support with any challenges with your child at home such as behavior, routines, diet and healthy eating. She can also support with anything that makes family life difficult such as housing, benefits, domestic abuse, getting back in to work or just someone to talk to for advice about a situation that is worrying you. If you feel like you may need Kate's support now or in the future her details are available from the school office or on our website.