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**Please contact the school immediately if you need our help.**

# Alma Primary School SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER for Parents & Carers May 2023



Welcome and thank you for taking the time to read Alma's Safeguarding Newsletter. This month we have chosen to address **how to keep children safe whilst travelling in a vehicle.**

Thank you for your support.

We would like to remind you that our school website contains more information on how to help you keep your children safe in education, online and at home.

<https://almaprimary.co.uk/health-and-safety>

## Smoking

IT'S ILLEGAL TO SMOKE IN A  
VEHICLE WITH ANYONE  
UNDER 18



It is **illegal** to smoke in a car (or other vehicle) with anyone under 18. The law changed on 1 October 2015, to protect children and young people from the dangers of second-hand smoke.

Both the driver and the smoker could be **fined £50**. The law applies to every driver in England and Wales, including those aged 17 and those with a provisional driving licence.

The law applies:

- to any private vehicle that is enclosed wholly or partly by a roof
- when people have the windows or sunroof open, or the air conditioning on
- when someone sits smoking in the open doorway of a vehicle

The law does not apply to:

- e-cigarettes (vaping)
- a driver who is 17 years old if they are on their own in the car
- a convertible car with the roof completely down

**Every time a child breathes in second-hand smoke, they breathe in thousands of chemicals. This puts them at risk of serious conditions including meningitis, cancer, bronchitis and pneumonia. It can also make asthma worse.**

Source of information:

<https://www.gov.uk>

## Seat Belts

You can be **fined up to £500** if a child under 14 isn't in the correct car seat or wearing a seat belt while you're driving.

### Children

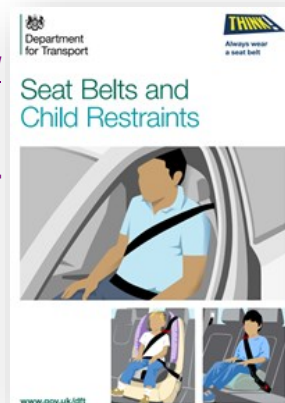
You must make sure that any children in the vehicle you're driving are:

- in the [correct car seat](#) for their height or weight until they reach 135 centimetres tall or their 12th birthday, whichever is first
- wearing a seat belt if they're 12 or 13 years old, or younger and over 135cm tall

### Using a child car seat or booster seat

Children must [normally use a child car seat](#) until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first. Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall **must wear a seat belt**. You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight. The booklet below provides more information on seat belts and child restraints.

[https://www.think.gov.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2020/07/DfT\\_SeatBeltBooklet.pdf](https://www.think.gov.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2020/07/DfT_SeatBeltBooklet.pdf)



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