



Safeguarding Newsletter

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Nothing is more important to us than the safety and welfare of our pupils.

We are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people within our school. We work closely with families and a range of professional external agencies to secure this and follow Dudley Safeguarding policies and procedures within our school.

We hope you find this Safeguarding Newsletter useful and aim to send at least one each half term.

Free NSPCC Training

Half a million children suffer abuse and neglect a year in the UK. But there's something we can all do to change that.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

That's why the NSPCC are encouraging every adult in the UK to take our 10-minute digital training. Listen up and learn a little with their Connect the DOTS training. They will show you where to go if you need support, and how to speak up for children who need it. Because that little bit of knowledge can help keep a lot of children safe.

To take part in the training click here – it only takes ten minutes!

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/>

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Useful Contacts

In times of uncertainty and change you may find that your personal circumstances have changed. The following list of useful contacts may be of some use.



- For advice on all aspects related to the cost of living, including debt, childcare costs, mental health support and employment advice; <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/>
- For targeted early help services for children and young people aged 0 – 18 years; **Stourbridge Family Centre** (01384 818780)
- For advice and support for anyone suffering domestic abuse; **Black Country Women's Aid**; 0121 553 0090
- For mental health and well being support for children and young people aged 9-25; **The What Centre**. www.thewhatcentre.co.uk
- For help with common mental health conditions (low mood, anxiety, stress) for people aged 16 and over <http://www.blackcountryhealthyminds.nhs.uk/> 24 hour helpline 0800 008

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Stay Safe Guides

Every Wednesday we retweet the latest Stay Safe guide from the people at National Online Safety.

Follow Peters Hill and National Online Safety on twitter to receive these or check out previous guides on our school website, under the Useful Info tab, then select E-Safety.



Self-Harm

Self-harm can be a confusing and complicated topic. The NSPCC have some great advice on why children and teenagers self-harm and what you can do to help.

Have a look at the website for more information; <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/self-harm/>

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What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)?

Governing bodies should ensure that the school or college designates an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection. Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- Making sure all staff are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any concerns to social care
- Monitoring children who are the subject of child protection plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring they are implemented and reviewed regularly

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Curnin. Our Deputy DSL's are Mr Duncan, Mrs Owen and Mrs Foxall. Mrs Bridgwater is our dedicated Safeguarding Officer. All these staff can be contacted via the School Office to discuss any safeguarding concerns you may have.

Meet our Safeguarding Team

Tracy Curnin	Simon Duncan	Hayley Owen	Ellen Foxall	Karen Bridgwater
				
DSL	Deputy DSL	Deputy DSL	Deputy DSL	Safeguarding Officer

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