

Wood End Park Academy

Safeguarding Newsletter

February 2023



“Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everybody’s responsibility.”

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Wood End Park Academy, we take pride in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of each child is our top priority. All staff are trained in Keeping Children Safe in Education. We have a dedicated team that responds to any safeguarding concerns.

Safeguarding Team

Miss Khehar - Designated Safeguarding Lead, Vice Principal Year 5 & 6

Mrs Khalil – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Director of Teaching and Learning

Ms Johra – Principal

Mrs Gamble – Deputy Principal

Mrs Wigglesworth – Family Support Worker

Ms Whitehead – Director of Curriculum

Mrs Gill – Vice Principal Year 4 and 5

Ms Din – EAL Lead, Year 5 Teacher

Hillingdon – Updates

Weapons

Hillingdon are raising awareness around weapons, which look like day-to-day objects and can be easily concealed. Please be mindful of items that children may be carrying. These weapons can be found very easily on sites such as Ali Express, Amazon, WISH and eBay.

Uxbridge town centre

Uxbridge town centre remains a hotspot; the MET Police- Uxbridge Town Centre Team was launched. Uxbridge is one of the first Town Centre Teams to be created and placed within Hillingdon due high demand. The team will focus on making the town centre safer, tackling violent crime; including violence against women and girls, alongside dealing with anti-social behaviour. The team will patrol busy places at times when they will have the most impact on crime and public safety. The decision about where to allocate the team was based on data and intelligence that highlighted areas where there is demand for police presence, due to higher crime levels reported or where the or where confidence in police is low.

Keeping children safe online

Hillingdon would like to raise awareness in social media Applications (apps) being used by children. The digital world is evolving daily with new social media platforms, apps, and devices. Some negative things that may occur include grooming, cyberbullying, sexting, posting hateful messages or content and participating in negative group conversations.



What to do at home?

- Parental locks and filters
- Monitor the use of internet at home-in a public place in your home
- Limit time on the internet
- Check browsing history on search engines
- Talk to your child about e-safety

We regularly discuss e-safety with the children at school.

Upcoming Parent Information Sessions:

Tuesday 28th February - Children's well being

Tuesday 16th May - Community Police Talk

Tuesday 20th June - E-safety, Attendance and Local Safeguarding issues

All sessions will be held twice – 9.05am and 2.45pm in the Key Stage 2 Hall. Please do arrive at the Front Office and you will be taken to the hall.

Please come along to pick up helpful tips, ask questions and give your own ideas regarding the topics.

If you are concerned with the safety or wellbeing of a child, we are here to support. You can contact anyone from the safeguarding team.

Thank you,
Miss Khehar
Vice Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead