

Wood End Park Academy

Safeguarding Newsletter

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“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

At Wood End Park Academy we:

- Develop learning experiences where children get to respect and understand different viewpoints and religions
- Children know that discrimination will not be tolerated and is not cool
- We build up the self-esteem, confidence and voice of each child (British Values)
- We pick up on and challenge extreme views

Children know that they can speak to any adult if they have any concerns.

- We encourage children to make positive behaviour choices (YOYOB chart, house points, class ticks, value of the month and star of the week).
- Encourage use of the Worry Box so children know they can air concerns.
- We have peer mediators to support children on the playground.
- We have many pupil leader roles in school.
- We take bullying very seriously and investigate it thoroughly.

Hillingdon – Updates

Stickers are placed on several lampposts in Uxbridge High Street. These stickers are approximately the size of a DVD, and very colourful and impactful. They are typically placed at eye level on lamp posts and street bollards. The stickers display popular cartoons and video games which the younger generations will recognise - Buzz Lightyear, and GTA (Grand Theft Auto). The stickers have images of cannabis leaves and inappropriate pictures. The stickers have a QR code for quick access to sites like Snapchat. If you see any of these images please report it to the police.

Attendance

We are an academy that seeks to provide the best it can for every child. It is very important therefore that you make sure that your child attends regularly. Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is your legal responsibility.

There are two types of absences.

Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason like illness, medical appointments, emergencies or other unavoidable cause. Where possible your child should attend school before or after any appointments. You may be asked to provide hospital letters and appointment cards.

Unauthorised absences are those the school does not consider reasonable and for which no "leave" has been given. This type of absence can lead to the Local Authority, through its Participation Officer, Early Intervention and Prevention Team using sanctions and/or legal proceedings.

Taking holidays in term time will affect your child's schooling as much as any other absence and we expect parents to help us by not taking children away during school time.

If your child is absent, you must contact us by telephone as soon as possible on the first day of absence and keep the academy regularly informed, preferably daily.

Keeping children safe online

The internet is great in supporting children's learning but it also poses threats of cyber-bullying and exposure to inappropriate material.

What are children doing online?

-search for information or content on search engines like [Google](#) and [Bing](#)

-share images and watch videos through websites or mobile apps like [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), [TikTok](#), [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

-write or reply to messages on forums and message boards

-play games alone or with others through websites, apps or game consoles

-chat with other people through online games, game consoles, webcams, social networks and tools like [Whatsapp](#)

There are age restrictions on social networking sites to protect children. You have to be 16 years or older to access all social networking sites.

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.

Parent Information Sessions:

Tuesday 4th October - Safeguarding, Attendance and E-safety

Tuesday 15th November - Supporting Children at Home

Tuesday 10th January – Prevent and Local Safeguarding issues

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