

The aim of this newsletter is to give parents/carers and pupils updated information on all areas of safeguarding.

Each half term we will focus on a key area identified within the national agenda.

If you would like any questions answering on the topic of safeguarding, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated/Deputy designated safeguarding leads at school. Please see the next page for names and details.



WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding is a term which is broader than 'child protection' and relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Safeguarding is defined in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 as:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's health and development
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care and
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

People who work with vulnerable groups, including children, must always act in their best interests and ensure they take all reasonable steps to prevent harm to them. Having safeguards in place within an organisation not only protects and promotes the welfare of children but also it enhances the confidence of trustees, staff, volunteers, parents/carers and the general public.

The necessity to safeguard children applies both to charities working in the UK and other countries where children may face different or additional risks of abuse or exploitation. These safeguards should include a Safeguarding Policy and procedures for dealing with issues of concern or abuse. For the purposes of child protection legislation the term 'child' refers to anyone up to the age of 18 years.

You can find our school safeguarding Policy and other information on our school website:

<https://www.tillingtonmanor.staffs.sch.uk/safe-guarding>



Concerned about the safety of a child?

If you are concerned about the well-being of a child or you believe she/he may be at risk of significant harm you can speak to:



Mrs Brockhurst

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



Mrs Brian

Deputy-Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



Mrs Rogers

Family Support Worker and
Deputy-Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



Miss Hall

Deputy-Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



Mrs O'Keeffe

Deputy-Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



Mr Tucker

Deputy-Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



Mrs Turner

Online Safety Lead



Miss Windle

Deputy-Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

All of the staff employed in our school have Level 1 safeguarding training , so you can speak to any adult about your concerns or worries.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and as a member of the public you have a duty to call **Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Team** on **0300 111 8007** if you have concerns about a child or suspect that they are at risk.



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is vital to raising standards in school and to ensure every pupil reaches their full potential. Every pupil is entitled to a full time education. The government expects schools to promote good attendance and reduce absences. Parents have a legal obligation to ensure their child's regular attendance at school.

Further information about this can be found on The Department for Education website www.education.gov.uk

We understand that students are absent from school for a variety of reasons and often this includes genuine illness, urgent medical appointments and other essential absences. You must always let us know if your child is off, via **the school office**, as we have procedures to follow if we don't hear from you. Medical evidence will be required for appointments, but these should be made outside of school hours where possible.

Please help your child by trying to maintain their attendance above 96% as this is our school target.

We would like to thank you for your continued support with regards to attendance.



Useful websites for information and support:



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/>



<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>



<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

