



Safeguarding Newsletter—Autumn Term 2 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a good half term holiday.

All staff at Belle Vue have a responsibility to safeguard children but just a reminder to you that we have the following designated staff in place with responsibility for safeguarding:

Mrs. C Davies—Designated Safeguarding lead
Mrs. S Richardson—Deputy Safeguarding lead
Mrs. A Perrett—Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs. C Mulligan—Deputy Safeguarding lead

Governor responsible for safeguarding: Mrs. A Potter

If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of a child/children please contact the school immediately on 01384 389900 or email info@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk. **During holiday time, please email safeguarding concerns to: safeguarding@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk**

If you suspect a child is in immediate danger please ring 999.

PANTS

Talk PANTS is a programme that helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. We teach the children about PANTS and consent in school but we encourage all parents to continue conversations at home. The NSPCC website is full of useful information to support parents in having these conversations. Please follow the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



Out of school clubs and activities

An out of school setting (OOSS) can mean many things from places like community and youth centres, sports clubs, and places of worship, to individuals offering tuition in their own home to coaching in a local park. Fees may or may not be charged.



There is no legal framework that governs how these settings run, and they are not inspected or assessed by a single regulator. This means there is no single responsible body with complete oversight of these settings.

As a minimum, providers of these setting should have policies such as Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Child Protection. In addition, all staff and volunteers should be suitably qualified to run clubs etc.

As a parent/carer you should feel able to ask questions about the provider's activities and policies. A well-run and trustworthy provider will welcome questions. They should be willing to give this kind of information to anyone who leaves a child/children in their care.

The Government have released a document to support parents/carers in asking the right questions when you sign your child/children up for out of school activities. Guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-out-of-school-settings-code-of-practice>

Some useful safety guides, new features etc to keep your knowledge up to date!

Technology is a wonderful tool however, how do you know what is safe for your child? Please find links below to keep you up to speed with trends on some of the popular apps that children like to engage in:

Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

TikTok app safety – What parents need to know
(Internet Matters)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Guess Who – Tik ToK Trend safety briefing

https://4019268.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/4019268/TikTok%20Guess%20Who%20Online%20Safety%20Briefing%20.pdf?utm_campaign=Ineqe%20Safeguarding%20Roundup&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=211559509&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8Ocj_bxudbW9RigA4cbenNYziWoLLg2p1TWCuMvpN0T91S4k6tOmVujZQA2N-BgUvHnUTB80r2aR5yLNRKuQlze45

Instagram – New Parental Supervision Tools

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/new-parental-supervision-tools-for-instagram-and-quest-vr>



Pupil Safety and Dark Nights

Clocks go back on Sunday 30th October marking the end of British Summertime which means that those dark nights start to creep in earlier. With this in mind we ask that you talk to your child/children about keeping safe.

Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users.

The resources below will help you to remind your children, especially teenagers, about road safety and safe cycling.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents

<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety First – Cycling at Night

<https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

Firework Safety

There's no substitute for good adult supervision when it comes to young children and firework safety. But it's never too early to start teaching them how to stay safe around bonfires, fireworks and sparklers.

Fireworks are exciting, but they can be very dangerous and can hurt you. Listen to your grown-up about where is a safe place to stand.

- Never touch a firework. Don't pick up a firework after it has been used.
- Wear your gloves when you hold your sparkler and keep it away from your body.
- Hold one sparkler at a time.
- Keep your sparkly sparkler safely away from other people and don't run around with it.
- Don't throw your sparkler in case it hits someone.
- Once your sparkler is finished, put it into a bucket of water, don't pick it back up. It stays hot for a long time and can burn you.
- Stand well away from the bonfire and stay close to the grown-ups.
- Don't be tempted to throw things into the bonfire or poke at it with sticks.

