



Safeguarding Newsletter—Summer Term 1 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a good Easter break. We look forward to seeing the children as we go into our final term of the academic year.

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

Governors responsible for safeguarding: Mrs. A Potter and Mrs S. Rose

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.

Useful Safeguarding Acronyms and Vocabulary

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

MASH: Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

CP: Child Protection

CiN: Child in Need

CEOP: Child Exploitation and On-Line Protection Centre

KCSIE: Keeping Children Safe in Education

PREVENT: Part of the Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn in to extremism

CAMHS: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Times we might ask you a safeguarding question:

If your child has a mark or bruise and you forgot to let us know

If your child says something that we need to ask you a bit more about

If your child's behaviour changes

If you are late bringing or collecting your child

If your child's attendance is poor

If we think you look like you may be struggling or need support

We are not judging, we are just following the rules we have in school. Please remember, we are here to help.

Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

Top Internet Manners

Internet Matters have produced a list of 'manners' that we all should follow to create a safer and kinder online world: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/top-internet-manners/>

Does your child know what personal information is?

Does your child understand the importance of keeping information private? Are they aware that by uploading a video or photo online, they may actually be sharing private information without realising? For example, have they (or even you) ever uploaded a photo or video with the following in it: Wearing their school uniform or wearing a local club shirt? Showing their local area in the background, perhaps inadvertently including street names, shop names or house numbers? Celebrating their birthday?

Talk to your children, do they realise the potential consequences of posting their personal information? Do they truly know all of their online 'friends'? By sharing photos described above, a follower might be able to work out what school or clubs they attend, where they live and their date of birth. Do you want people knowing this information about your child?

Parent awareness sessions

Mrs Davies and Miss Winwood will be hosting 2 parent/carer E-Safety awareness session during the second half of the summer term. Dates/times will be sent to parents once confirmed. The sessions will also be recorded and links made available to parents/carers should you be unable to attend.

