



Safeguarding Newsletter—Spring 1 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. I hope you had a lovely break during the Christmas holidays. 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. 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. **If you suspect a child is in immediate danger please ring 999. If you have a concern during holiday time, please email safeguarding@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk**



Beacon House Resources

Beacon House is a team of professional, compassionate and highly experienced chartered psychologists, psychotherapists and occupational therapists. They provide a wide range of assessments and effective therapies for children and young people, families and adults who are experiencing mental health difficulties, emotional and behavioural problems and relationship conflict. As a service they have a special interest in repairing the effects of trauma and attachment disruption.

To find out more or to download free resources please go to their website on: <https://beaconhouse.org.uk/about-us/>

Early Help—What is it and how can I get help?

Early Help is taking action early to provide support where problems are emerging for children, young people and their families. Early help support may be provided at any point in a child or young person's life. The sooner the family receives the support, the sooner they are able to improve their situation and prevent the need for prolonged support.

Early Help is here to find out what is working well for families and what areas they might be worried about; it can help to build on families' strengths and identify any needs where support might be needed. It is an approach that brings people together from different teams and services who work together with the whole family. The main focus is to improve outcomes for children.

Why would I need Early Help?

The type of things that Early Help can support families with include:

- Worries about your child's health development or behaviour
- You might have worries about money or housing and how that is affecting you
- Your child and family may be affected by domestic abuse, drugs, alcohol, ill health or crime

Early Help can give you the tools to solve challenges or problems you are experiencing with help from others

Who do I ask for help?

If you feel you need help, please ask to speak to either Mrs Davies or Mrs Slater. You can either email via info@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk or you can ring the office and ask for one of us to contact you.

What is the process for getting help?

If a parent requests help either Mrs Davies or Mrs Slater will need to complete an online form and provide details of parents request for support. The process is made simpler if parents/carers are available to come into school to help complete the online form. Do not worry though if you are a parent/carer who works full-time and cannot make it into school. If this is the position you are in, either Mrs Davies or Mrs Slater will contact you via phone to take some details. The form will be completed and parents will receive a copy to sign before it is processed.

What happens after the online form has been processed?

Once the form has been submitted, a panel meet to discuss family needs. It may be that school are asked to provide additional support or a family may be assigned a Family Support Worker. If this is the case, a TAF (Team Around the Family) meeting is held at school to discuss ways to support the family. Depending upon need, families may be signposted to other agencies who are able to offer additional support. If a TAF meeting is arranged, the initial meeting will be to set up a plan which includes targets. These are non-threatening and for the large part, are mostly targets for the school to action. There will be some parental targets, but please be assured, the school supports parental targets too.

Depending upon the level of need, further meetings will be arranged. These are to suit the parent/carer and take place every 4 to 6 weeks. When targets have been achieved, the process is then to close the support. Mrs Davies and Mrs Slater continue to offer support if a parent/carer requests. The only difference is that other outside agencies withdraw their support. Families can have as many Early Help referrals as they need.



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Strategy 2021-24**

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and families thrive.

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