

Safeguarding Newsletter

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Our Safeguarding Team

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Mr Pardoe

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The Safeguarding lead for Dudley Academies Trust is Mr Townsend.

A copy of the school's safeguarding policy can be found on our website.

Just a few points to remember:

- ◆ If your child has an accident at home, please let your child's class teacher know in the mornings at drop off.
- ◆ If your child has a broken bone or a fracture, they will need a risk assessment before returning to school. Please ask to speak to Mr Bell.
- ◆ If someone other than yourselves is collecting your child from school, school must be informed before 2.15pm. This is also applicable to after school clubs; we will also not let children walk home unaccompanied without prior notice.

What is Safeguarding?

At Kates Hill nothing is more important to us than the safety and welfare of our children. We believe it is essential that they keep safe and feel safe whether this is at school or out playing with friends. We take rigorous steps to ensure that our children stay safe and do not come to any harm. Safeguarding & Child Protection is such an important issue for our children and young people that we have decided to provide a newsletter that shares key information and advice with parents and carers so that we can all work together with the same aim of keeping children safe in school, at home and in the wider community.

What is the role of the school's safeguarding team?

The Safeguarding Team has a crucial role in taking lead responsibility for child protection issues in school. Members of the safeguarding team are trained to take on this role and that training is updated every two years with additional training and conferences in between. The safeguarding leads have many responsibilities including working with staff, families and agencies involved in safeguarding children; giving advice to families and staff; managing referrals from staff and investigating concerns passing them onto the correct body as necessary.

If you have concerns or worries, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team.

Support for parents

The Dudley Parents website is an excellent recourse for all parents and carers within the Dudley Borough. Developed alongside the NHS, there is a wealth of advice and support for dealing with a range of parenting issues.

Go to www.dudleyparents.co.uk for information about the following programmes and to find out what else is on offer:

- ◆ First 1001 Days as a Parent: Advice on the basics from pregnancy until your baby's second birthday.
- ◆ DadPad: The essential guide for new dads, giving knowledge and practical skills.
- ◆ Five to Thrive: 5 things you can do every day to help develop your child's brain.
- ◆ Dudley Triple P Online (Positive Parenting Programme): An excellent programme giving top tips and ideas to support you and your family.