

Safeguarding Newsletter



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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 is absent from school please remember to inform school on each day of their absence. If your child is absent for 3 days or more a home visit will be conducted.
- ◆ 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.

As we head into the Easter Holidays, we would like to wish all our pupils and families a safe, happy and restful break.

School may be closed, but safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility. Below are some helpful reminders and guidance to support children's wellbeing during the holiday.



Keeping Children Safe Online

Many children spend more time online during the holidays. A few simple steps can help keep them safe:

- ✓ **Talk regularly** about what games, websites, and apps they're using
- ✓ **Remind children never to share personal information** (names, school, address, passwords)
- ✓ **Use parental controls** on devices, apps, and home broadband
- ✓ **Encourage children to tell a trusted adult** if something online makes them feel worried or unsure

Useful websites for families:

- *ThinkUKnow* – online safety advice for all ages
- *Internet Matters* – guides to privacy settings and parental controls
- *NSPCC Online Safety Hub*

Holiday Wellbeing & Mental Health

Holidays can be exciting but may also feel overwhelming for some children. Try to:

- Keep some **routine and structure**
- Plan **regular downtime**
- Encourage **fresh air, exercise, and play**
- Check in with your child about how they're feeling
- Celebrate small successes and positive moments

If children express worries or big feelings, listen first, reassure them, and remind them that it's okay to ask for help.



Important Reminders

Please note that school will be closed for the half term break from Friday 27th March to Friday 10th April. School will reopen on Monday 13th April, where we look forward to welcoming all of our children back to start the new term .

Attendance Matters!

As we enter the start of our Summer term, we would like to take a moment to thank all of our families for their ongoing support with school attendance.

As a reminder, the government's expectation is that all children attend school **at least 96%** of the time.

Being in school every day helps children build strong learning routines, stay connected with friends, and make steady progress in all areas of their development.

Even small amounts of absence can add up quickly.

Missing just **one day a week** equals nearly **two weeks of lost learning over a term**. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best chance to achieve their potential.

How you can help

- Make sure your child attends school **every day unless they are genuinely unwell**.
- Try to arrange medical or dental appointments **outside of school hours** wherever possible.
 - Establish a consistent **morning routine** to help avoid lateness.

If your family is facing challenges that are impacting attendance, please reach out—we are here to support you.

We are hopeful that with the weather improving and coughs and colds beginning to ease, we see this as the perfect time for us to work together and give our attendance a real boost. Your support makes a huge difference, and we really appreciate it.

Let's see how high we can get our attendance—together, we can do this

Attendance during one school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow