



3rd June 2026

Summer 1 Safeguarding letter

Dear Families,

I am writing to update you on our approach to safeguarding, and to keep you up to date with topics that have been discussed with students this half term, as well as other information linked to the safety and wellbeing of our students.

- **Designated Safeguarding Leads**

As a reminder, the following staff lead the safeguarding in school and are a point of contact for staff, students and parents / carers who wish to raise concerns

- Mr David Shield - Designated Safeguarding lead
- Mr Richard Lennox - Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead
- Ms Jessica Harle - Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead
- Mrs Katie Large - Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead

In addition, heads of house and the director of sixth form are also trained in this area, and can be contacted via the email links at the bottom of this letter.

- **Stress**

With exams now underway for year 11 and 13, and end of year exams starting for other year groups, some of our young people will be feeling stressed. Whilst this is normal, understanding how to support your child and where to find additional information if they are struggling with exam related stress is helpful. Mind has good advice on their website related to this topic.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/feelings-and-experiences/exam-stress/>

- **Water safety**

With better weather on its way as we approach the start of summer, many people will be enticed to swim in the river and/sea, and in recent weeks there have sadly been a number of fatalities nationally. Water Safety is essential, and being aware of the advice which we can share with children is essential. The Royal Life Saving Society has clear guidance

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-information>

- **Misogyny**

Over recent years, there has been a rise in negative attitudes towards women and girls, particularly online. The topic of misogyny and the importance of treating everyone with respect regardless of gender is taught within our wider curriculum programme. The website Internet Matters has produced information on this topic as well as those areas linked such as incels. This useful resource can be found here -

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-hate/what-is-misogyny/>



● **Your Voice Matters and NeverOK**

All pupils are encouraged to speak out when they hear inappropriate comments or see inappropriate actions from their peers. This is underpinned by our “Your Voice Matters” campaign and our “NeverOK campaign” to support pupils with instances of bullying and discrimination. You can find more information on our school website -

<https://www.stthomasmore.org.uk/students/key-information/neverok/>

Anyone student who feels they are being victimised in line with the characteristics should report it to their tutor or head of house in person or via email: neverok@stm.bwcet.com

Safeguarding and child protection remain central to our daily practices, and we value the support you provide as parents / carers and working with us to keep children safe.

If you have any concerns, please contact the school through via email address below

Your sincerely

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