



Tuesday 20th October 2026

Safeguarding Autumn Term Letter

Dear Families,

I am writing to update you on our approach to safeguarding, and to keep you up to date with topics relevant to keeping pupils safe.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

The following staff lead the safeguarding in school, and are a point of contact for staff, pupils and families who wish to raise any safeguarding 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

See it, say it, stop it

There may be times when pupils see or hear instances of bullying and discrimination. As a school we want to make it clear that this is never ok and encourage all pupils to report this to us.

Bullying and discrimination can take many forms, including child on child abuse. It is important that we all understand the many forms discrimination can take and that it must always be reported.

Our **#neverok** campaign aims to reinforce this message and provides the ability to report any incidents of discrimination that they either see, hear or are subjected to. The email neverok@stm.bwcet.com can be used by all members of the school community.

Pupils can of course report any issues they are concerned with to members of staff.

eSafety

As a school, we regularly have to deal with issues around social media, and misuse of communications. The seriousness of this topic cannot be stressed enough given the tragic cases that have been reported nationally over recent years. We teach students the importance of using these systems sensibly and cautiously. Parentkind have produced a useful online safety toolkit that gives information on how to support your child to stay safe online.

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/online-safety-toolkit>

SEMH

Social Emotional Mental Health issues continue to be an area of concern for some of the young people we have in our community. We encourage pupils to talk to staff in school as well as parents / carers at home.



Over recent years, the importance of talking about issues has been highlighted on many platforms including the Anna Freud foundation - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_yAtOh3yV0

Fire Safety

Fireworks are a highlight of many celebrations across the UK, and as we approach bonfire night, it is a timely reminder that they can cause serious injuries if not handled safely.

RoSPA encourages everyone to enjoy fireworks responsibly and follow safety rules to protect themselves, their families and their communities. They have published useful information on their website - <https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/fireworks-safety>

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 the email.

Your sincerely

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