Foxford School
Safeguarding Newsletter for Parents

Working Together to Keep Children Safe

At Foxford School, the safety and wellbeing of our students is our highest priority. We understand that parenting can bring challenges, and we want families to know that support is available whenever it is needed. By working together, we can help children stay safe, happy, and ready to learn

Online Safety

Children are spending increasing amounts of time online through gaming, social media, messaging apps and video sharing platforms. While the internet offers many benefits, it can also expose young people to risks.

Top Online Safety Tips for Parents

- ☑ Talk regularly with your child about what they do online.
- ☑ Set age-appropriate parental controls and privacy settings.
- ☑ Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult if something online worries or upsets them.
- ☑ Know which apps, games and social media platforms your child is using.
- ☑ Remind children never to share personal information, passwords or images with others online.
- ☑ Keep devices in shared family spaces where possible

Signs Your Child May Need Support

- Becoming withdrawn after using devices
- Changes in mood or behaviour
- Secretive online activity
- Difficulty sleeping
- Increased anxiety about social media or friendships

How We Can Support

Our Safeguarding and Pastoral Teams can offer support with:

- Online safety concerns
- Bullying or friendship issues
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Attendance concerns
- Family difficulties
- Child exploitation concerns
- Domestic abuse concerns
- Housing, financial or welfare difficulties
- Signposting to external support services
- No concern is too small. If something is worrying you or your child, please get in touch

Reporting Concerns to Foxford School

If you have any concerns about the safety, wellbeing or welfare of a child, please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team. No concern is too small, and we encourage parents and carers to get in touch as early as possible.

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) - Tom Jordan - Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) - Jack Kemp – Associate Assistant Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) - Susan Wiseman - Student Welfare Manager

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? Frequently Asked Questions

My child does not want to come to school. What should I do?
Please contact us as soon as possible. We can work with you to understand any barriers and put support in place.

My child is being bullied. Who should I tell?
Contact your child's Head of Year, Form Tutor, or a member of the Safeguarding Team so that concerns can be investigated and support provided.

I'm worried about my child's online activity.
Speak to the Safeguarding Team. We can offer advice and direct you to online safety resources.

We are experiencing difficulties at home. Can the school help?
Yes. Schools often work alongside families and support services to help children and parents access the right support.

My child has shared something worrying with me.
Listen calmly, reassure them that they have done the right thing by telling you, and contact the school as soon as possible.

Talk ● Listen ● Support ● Report
If something doesn't feel right, trust your instincts and seek advice. We are here to help.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm, contact the Police on 999.

🌟 Remember

Children are safest when school and home work together. If you are worried about your child, another child, or your family's wellbeing, please reach out. Early help can make a real difference. **Together, we can help every child feel safe, supported and successful.**