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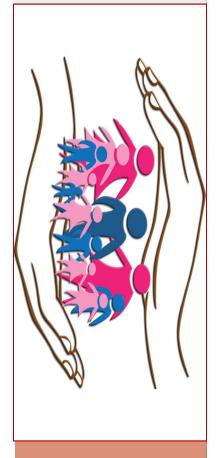
Child Protection and Staff Safeguarding Newsletter





RECENT SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

It is our statutory obligation to remain up to date with safeguarding issues. All new staff and governors receive an hour -long Safeguarding and Child Protection training session, and current staff and governors a September update. As Prevent Lead I have attended three courses and written a School Prevent Action Plan. Prevent is a Government strategy designed to fight extremisms and associated radicalisation. I have cascaded my training to all staff.



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RECENT SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (CONTINUED)

The Prevent Duty says that we as teachers need to stop young people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism - this may seem like a big ask but it isn't as we are doing the things we need to without realising it, e.g. building community reliance to challenge hate speech. We are teaching tolerance, we are enabling our young people to understand each others' religious beliefs, understanding and respecting the nature of other cultures, so we are building that resilience which can counter extremist thoughts which can lead to terrorism. We also have a duty to help our youngsters access support if they are vulnerable to radicalisation.

Staff have received refresher training on how to use MyConcern (our electronic reporting system) and the Safeguarding Team have attended two courses on how to use MyConcern to generate reports and identify trends.

Lucy Willis, Charlie Armstrong (Assistant Headteachers and Deputy Delegated Safeguarding Leads) and myself have attended several courses on child-on-child sexual harassment and abuse. We have a better understanding of the prevalence of these issues in society and are putting programmes in place to educate young people regarding a zero tolerance towards misogynistic behaviour. On Wednesday 17 May Everyone's Invited presented at the Staff Meeting. This was very thought-provoking and prompted much discussion. We have arranged for the organisation to deliver workshops to Years 9, 10 and 13 after half-term and for a parents / carers presentation one evening.

All senior staff have completed Safer Recruitment Training and governors are in the process of doing so. Our recruitment advertisements and information packs make it very clear regarding our priority of safeguarding.

I have recently completed a course on Contextual Safeguarding and have cascaded my learning through staff training. Contextual Safeguarding recognises that as young people grow and develop they are influenced by a whole range of environments and people outside of their family; for example in school, in the local community, in their peer groups or online. Children and young people may encounter risk in any of these environments. Sometimes the different contexts are interrelated and can mean that children and young people may encounter multiple risks.



Contextual Safeguarding looks at how we can best understand these risks, engage with children and young people and help to keep them safe.

In March I attended Single Central Register (SCR) training taking detailed notes to share with Jo Baker, the Headteacher's PA, who is responsible for the keeping of this register.

The SCR collates all various checks on employees in one central place, allowing us to show Ofsted during an inspection. Our Single Central Record includes anybody working in our school: full-time, temporary or visiting e.g. contractors.

Lucy Willis and James Stubbs (Assistant Headteachers and Deputy Delegated Safeguarding Leads), as our e-Safety Leads, have attended training and similarly cascaded their knowledge to staff through training.

Kind regards,

Helen Birch (Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Headteacher [Pastoral]).

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibly

VISIT OF OUR SAFEGUARING GOVERNOR

Tim Hitch (our Safeguarding governor) visited on Thursday 11 May to inspect our provision. He examined our record keeping, our medical records, our Single Centre Register and staff training log.

VISIT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

A member of staff form the Peterborough and Cambridge Safeguarding Board came in to conduct an independent review of our provision for safeguarding and child protection and we have completed an Action Plan which we generated after the visit.

ANTIBULLYING WEEK

We remain committed to a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and in accordance many of us wore odd socks in anti-bullying week in November. In that week the Vice Dean of the Cathedral, Tim Alban-Jones, delivered our whole-schools assemblies with contrasting socks which he was keen to show to all.





SAFER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

These can be found on the Child Protection and Safeguarding section of the school's website. The May newsletter includes information about harmful Nitrous Oxide Canisters:

<u>The King's School - Child Protection & Student Welfare</u> (kings.peterborough.sch.uk) .