



St Oswald's CE Primary School

Safeguarding Bulletin

Autumn 2022

Welcome to the autumn edition of St Oswald's Safeguarding Bulletin. This is an opportunity for us to share information and guidance regarding safeguarding both within our school setting and through other agencies.

Please contact the school office if you require any help or advice at any time.

The Pastoral and Safeguarding Team are always here to help:



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Organisations that offer support during life's challenges:

Concerns about a child

If you have significant concerns about the welfare or safety of a child(ren) living in Worcestershire, you can call the Family Front Door on 01905 822666. You can access this support out of working hours on 01905 768020.

- If you require emergency assistance please contact 999 to access the Police, Fire Service or an Ambulance.
- If you require support or advice from the Police, but it is not an emergency, please call 101.
- If you require emergency assistance from the NHS please attend your local A+E.
- If you require support or advice from the NHS, but it is not an emergency, please call 101.
- If you are a child or young person who needs to speak to somebody about a worry or concern, you can call Childline. This service is free and confidential. Please call 0800 1111.

Domestic Abuse

▪ If you are a victim of domestic abuse and violence, or know someone who is, there is help available. Helplines are staffed by trained workers who can offer you support, safety planning, information and advice. The staff are skilled in active listening, will not make judgements and will treat you with respect, as well as offering practical and emotional support and information.

- West Mercia Women's Aid: 0800 980 3331.
- Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327

Mental Health

▪ ChatHealth is a secure and confidential text messaging service for parents of young children and mums of newborn babies. It allows patients to easily and anonymously get in touch with a healthcare professional for advice and support. It's a locally-offered service used by healthcare provider organisations across the UK. <https://chathealth.nhs.uk/>

▪ Young Minds Parents Helpline: 9:30-16:00 (Monday to Friday) – Free and confidential support, information and advice for any adult worried about the emotional problems, behaviour or mental health of a child/young person.

0808 802 5544.

Bereavement

- Grief Encounter: this service offers a flexible and accessible service which aims to professionally care and respond to bereaved children, young people and their families via counselling, group activities, family fun days, residential camps and interactive online services. More information can be found at www.griefencounter.org.uk
- Touchstones is a small, local charity with one very simple aim – to be there for any bereaved child and young person in North East Worcestershire. <https://touchstones-support.org.uk/>
- Footsteps is a charity based in Worcestershire. They offer support in Worcestershire for children and young people who have lost a family member visit <https://talktofootsteps.co.uk>

Online Safety


- www.saferinternet.org.uk. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. This site provides advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.
- CEOP- provides support for parents and young people who have experienced online sexual abuse.
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Reporting Harmful Content Online

[Report Harmful Content - We Help You Remove Content](#)

Launched in December 2019, this national reporting centre has been designed to assist everyone in reporting harmful content online. They will review reports made about the following eight types of online harm:


1. Online Abuse
2. Bullying or Harassment
3. Threats
4. Impersonation
5. Unwanted Sexual Advances (Not Image Based)
6. Violent Content
7. Self-Harm or Suicide Content
8. Pornographic Content



**Embracing Difference,
Ending Bullying**

A free anti-bullying project for England schools

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Diversity
Role Models

Diversity Role Models was founded in 2011 to prevent bullying in schools through education for inclusion. On Tuesday 28th September, the organisation visited St Oswald's to run workshops for staff and children.

Guided by our school vision, students learned how to feel (and make others feel) accepted, supported and encouraged so that they can be themselves and thrive.



**The
BIG
Anti-Bullying
assembly
2022**

On Tuesday 3rd October we also participated in the Big Anti-Bullying Assembly to encourage young people to stand up to, and speak out about, bullying. Soon we will have a **Positive Post Box**. This is a new initiative to spread positivity throughout schools via a pen pal scheme where children will send positive messages to each other across the UK.

Safeguarding Awareness Squad (SAS)

We have a group of four children who champion safeguarding matters in school.

They will begin their roles and responsibilities by leading a school assembly in November. The assembly will help the children to understand all the ways they are kept safe in school. The SAS will share a powerpoint presentation showing photographs and giving information. They will then answer any questions.



Another of their duties this half term will be to support the delivery of Anti-bullying week between 14th and 19th November. They will review our Child Friendly Anti-bullying Policy and help us to develop an Anti-bullying Charter. They are going to be very busy!

Bonfire Night and Halloween Safety

A big thank you to Simon Gallagher, our PCSO, who came to talk to the Key Stage 1 children about firework safety and the 'do's and don'ts' of trick and treating for Halloween.



The children listened carefully and asked questions. We hope that these safety talks helped everyone enjoy any celebrations safely.

If you have any safeguarding concerns you can always call the Family Front Door : 01905 768020 or the NSPCC: 0800 800 5000.