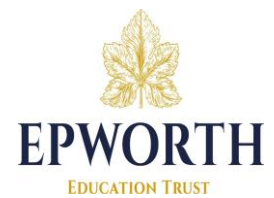




Westleigh Methodist Primary School Safeguarding Newsletter – Spring 2022



Westleigh Methodist Safeguarding Team

We would like to introduce you to our Safeguarding team at school.

- Mrs Chadwick – Designated Safeguarding lead and acting Head Teacher
- Mrs Taylor - Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead and Deputy Head Teacher
- Mrs Williams – Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead and Pastoral Manager
- Miss Hilton – Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead and SENCO
- Mrs Coleman – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Teacher
- Mrs Smith – Safeguarding Governor

The team are here for you if you need advice regarding any concerns or worries about yourself or someone you know.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Useful websites and resources:



The Parenting Smart site is completely free to use and access, full of tips and advice on a range of topics including transition to secondary school, meltdowns, and sleep difficulties. Visit their full site for the latest resources.



A website full of amazing resources and tips to help support children's mental health and wellbeing.

Online Safety

TOP TIPS

- **START EARLY AND KEEP TALKING**

Many kids are given their first tablet or internet connected device before they can fully comprehend the power in their hands. Your parenting will need to change with the technology so research the latest trends and stay on top.

- **RESPECT AGE RATINGS**

Don't lie for your child when they want to join a social network, download an app, or purchase a game. These age ratings are in place to protect your child from inappropriate content.

- **SET RULES**

Set up written rules for usage times and keep devices under your watchful eye as often as possible. Keep the family computer in the open (or screens facing common areas) and a central charging station for all portable devices to be parked at night.

- **USE CONTROLS**

Many new devices, computers and WIFI routers come with parental controls already built-in that are easy to set-up but are often overlooked during the initial set-up. You can control access times and set website category blocking.

- **TEACH PASSWORDS AND PRIVACY**

Help your children password protect all mobile devices and online accounts. Teach them why creating strong passwords is important, how to create them, and never to share them.

- **ENGAGE AND LEARN TOGETHER**

Children are likely online more often than you. Use this to your advantage to engage with them and learn together. Password protect downloading privileges and communicate boundaries. Talk about reputation and risk.

- **MONITOR AND COMMUNICATE**

Communicate what is an acceptable, respectable (to themselves and others) online post and take a peek as often as possible. Social network posts and pictures will be available to future employers and colleges.

- **PROTECT THEIR IDENTITY AND LOCATION**

Remind your child not to share any type of personal information online like age, school, address, phone number, last name, or anything personally identifiable. Disable photo geotagging and talk about strangers together.



Safeguarding Links and Resources

Westleigh Startwell family centre
Introducing...
Parenting support drop ins!
Tuesday Morning - Westleigh
Friday Morning - Leigh Central
9:30-11:00am

Supporting our fabulous Leigh, ~~Lowton~~ and ~~Galbarnock~~ families with:

- Behaviour management
- Routines and boundaries
- Emotional support
- Housing
- Financial advice
- Sleep solutions

And much more!

If you would like more information, or would like support

Wigan Council

Wigan Borough Domestic Abuse Service

HELPLINE
DROP IN
ADVICE & SUPPORT
COUNSELLING
RECOVERY TOOLKIT
FREEDOM PROGRAMME
FAMILY SUPPORT

Local. Free. Confidential

PLEASE CALL 01942 311365

Monday to Friday 9am - 7pm
Not available on Bank Holidays

Useful Telephone numbers

Children's Duty Team – 01942 828300
Childline – 08001111
NSPCC – 08088005000
The Samaritans – 116123
Citizen's Advice – 08001448848
Universal Credit Helpline – 08003285644

What we do to keep our children safe

Every class has weekly PSHE and wellbeing lessons following our long-term plan based on SCARF lessons and resources of half-termly units and related key themes. The units include lesson plans that cover all the DfE statutory requirements for Relationships Education and Health Education. Years 5 and 6 have HH Kids come in and deliver the RSE and puberty lessons.

We liaise with a variety of outside agencies such as Social Care, Start Well, School Nurses, and PCSO's. We also receive Encompass emails from the police regarding incidents of domestic violence.

All staff have access to an online system called CPOMS. This allows us to log and monitor any behaviour and safeguarding concerns with our pupils.

All school staff wear an ID badge with their photograph and DBS number on. Visitor have to sign in at the main office and have to wear a colour coded lanyard and badge relating to their DBS and purpose of their visit