Westgate - Autumn 2024 Safeguarding Newsletter

Our safeguarding newsletter intends on sharing information with you regarding the school's safeguarding procedures and protocols as well as providing you with current safeguarding updates.

We hope you will find the following information useful.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing at Westgate

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority here at Westgate Primary School. Everything that we do has the children at its centre. Often when safeguarding is mentioned, an initial thought is child protection – when a child is suffering harm or is at risk of harm. However, safeguarding is much more than this.

At Westgate, we ensure all our staff are well trained in all aspects of safeguarding and their knowledge is regularly revisited. We also ensure our curriculum teaches the children how to keep themselves happy, healthy and safe and staff provide the children with strategies to support them with their mental health and wellbeing. Please remember - everyone has a role to play to safeguard the children and families in our community.

ChildLine 0800 1111

For a copy of our school's Child Protection Policy, please visit the Safeguarding page on our school website: https://westgateprimary.org/About_Us/Policies/

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please speak to one of our DSLs as soon as possible.

School Car Park – Staying Safe

Hopefully you will have noticed the new road markings in the school car park. Please remember to drive and park safely within our school car park, particularly during the start and end of the school day.

We appreciate your support with this and thank you for your co-operation in keeping our school community safe.

Start/End of Day Procedures

Our main school gate opens at 8:15am. Please wait with your child in a safe space within the school gates away from the road. The bottom gate opens at 8:30am. Please ensure your child is escorted to the bottom gate where a member of Westgate staff will be waiting to greet them.

All children* must be collected by a familiar adult (16 years or older) at home time on the playground. EYFS and KS1 pick up time is 3:15pm and KS2 is 3:20pm.

**unless in Y6 with permission to walk home from school.*

Who are the Westgate DSLs?

Mrs L. Crosley
Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss C. Bethell
Deputy Head
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs C. Jones
Pastoral Support/FLO
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs S. Maidment
SENCO
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Our Safeguarding Curriculum

We believe that one of the best ways to safeguard children is to equip them with the knowledge and skills to be able to keep themselves safe. Safeguarding themes are interwoven throughout our curriculum and the opportunities we offer in school.

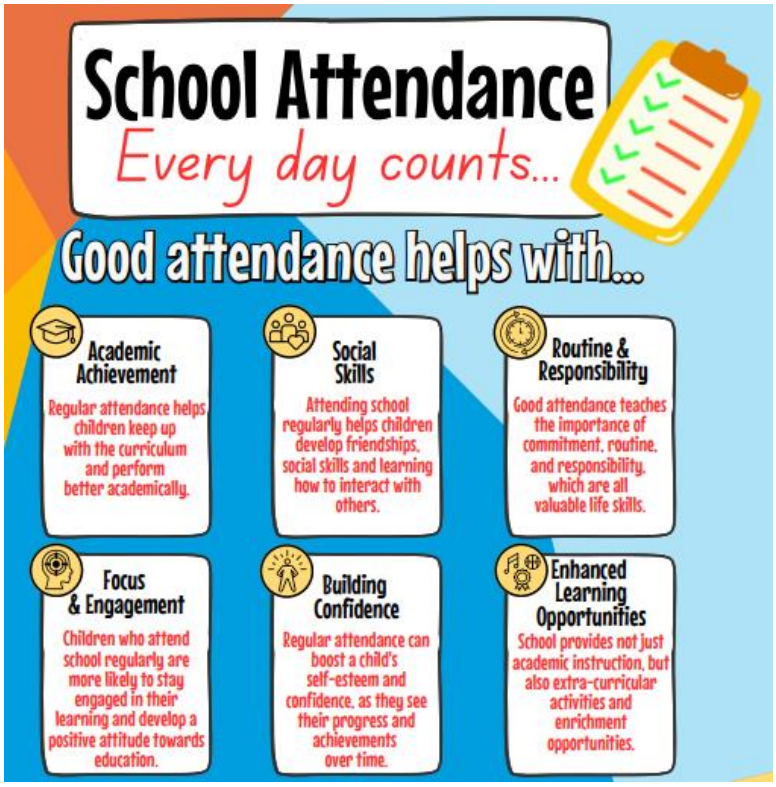
Some examples include:

Our School Values and British Values
Our School Rules
Whole School Assemblies
Online safety curriculum and workshops
Using our WITS
Using the 'Resilience Steps'
Involvement in 'awareness' weeks, e.g. Anti-Bullying, Red Nose Day, Mental Health Week, and raising money for mental health charities
Peaceful Playground
Road Safety/Fire Safety
Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)
Relationships Sex and Health Education (RSE)
Student Leaders and Wellbeing Ambassadors
Worry Monsters and Place to Talk
Mental Health Lead

If you would like to find out more, please speak to a member of staff or visit the curriculum page on our school website.

Useful Safeguarding Acronyms and Vocabulary

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead
KCSIE: Keeping Children Safe in Education
CP: Child Protection
SEND: Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.
CiN: Child in Need
MASH: Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
CEOP: Child Exploitation and On-Line Protection Centre
PREVENT: Part of the Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn in to extremism
CAMHs: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
CYPMHS: Children and Young People's Mental Health Services



How can you help you child attend school regularly and on time?

✓ Talk to your child about school and show an interest in their learning
✓ Help your child to understand why school is important
✓ Get everything ready for school the night before
✓ Set your alarm and an alarm for your child – see who can beat the clock!
✓ Praise your child's efforts and support them with any home learning
✓ Arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays wherever possible
✓ If an appointment must be taken during the school day, aim to bring your child to school before and/or after that time
✓ Take holidays during school holidays and not during term time
✓ If your child is just slightly under the weather, still send them into school. Children often feel better as the day goes on and they get busy. The school will contact you if they are worried or if they are not well at school.
✓ Remember - we can give children certain medications with your permission.

Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child is absent. You can do this via the Studybugs app or by calling the school office.

Everyone has a responsibility to keep children and young people safe.