

Safeguarding Newsletter

Spring 2024



WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Designated Safeguarding Officers (DSOs).

If a child is in **immediate danger**, call the **POLICE on 999**

The Safeguarding Team oversee and co-ordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe.

They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.

Safeguarding Team:



Mrs. Linley (DSL) Mrs. Dykes (DSO) Miss Dorsett (DSO)

All can be contacted via the office or by telephone on:

0121 357 9892

Alternatively, to make a referral directly to children's social care you can call Birmingham Children's Trust using the contact details below.



Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm
Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm

Telephone: 0121 303 1888

**Emergency out-of-hours
Telephone: 0121 675 4806**

Dear Parents and Carers,



BE **READY**



BE **RESPECTFUL**



BE **SAFE**

A safeguarding survey was shared with children and parents in December, please see the results of this. There has been a number of actions taken to address areas we have highlighted. Recently, we asked parents at parents' evening a number of questions in relation to this safeguarding review and I will feedback to you the findings in the Summer term.

We have been continuing our work on attendance this term and we have more in-depth attendance analysis. Attendance is a safeguarding priority because a child's absence from school can often be an early indicator of an increased need within a family.

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or the St. Mark's Team.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy Easter holiday!

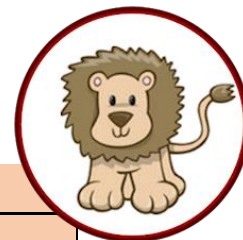
Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Safeguarding pupil survey results

2023/2024 KS1 & KS2



Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes were given the following survey to respond to. We received 100 responses.

Please see % results below:

	2023/2024				
	St Marks				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree
Number of responses	100				
There is at least one adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me	57	33	8	2	
Our school is a bullying free zone	34	44	15	7	
I feel safe when I am at school	57	39	3	1	
Our school helps me look after my emotional and mental health	50	39	8	3	
I feel safe in the classroom	57	35	6	2	
I feel safe on the playground	25	63	9	3	
When I go out on trips or visits I feel safe and well looked after	66	30	4	0	
I know how to stay safe online	71	25	4	0	
I know what to do if I see something I don't like online	69	27	4	0	
I know why I must keep my personal details safe online	79	17	2	2	
When I'm feeling poorly or I am injured, the school look after me	62	34	3	1	
The school building and the playground and kept safe and clean	37	43	14	6	
The school makes sure that only adults who are checked as safe are allowed in the building	72	22	6	0	

Statement	Action taken:	Further next steps:
There is at least one adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me	Poster displayed around school with names and photos of adults children can speak to.	Detailed questionnaire on mental health will be going out to pupils in Summer term.
Our school is a bullying free zone	Teachers are regularly speaking with children about bullying – what signs are and what to do.	Outdoor area to have visible signs of our school anti-bullying motto. Friendship stops placed in playground. More outdoor equipment.

	Action taken:	Further next steps:
I feel safe when I am at school	Further pupil interviews have been conducted and leaders have a safeguarding curriculum map in place	Continue to review this through pupil discussion and feedback
Our school helps me look after my emotional and mental health	Mental health day in February and all classes explored this topic. Classes have a worry box and this is being reviewed more regularly to encourage children to speak out	Conduct a sample of pupil interviews
I feel safe in the classroom	Leaders have conducted more learning walks	Review children's rights and has displayed 'I have the right to...' in every classroom.
I feel safe on the playground	All adults on playground wear hi-vis vests to ensure children can visibly see them. Playground buddies have been appointed and they have been trained in the role by our sports lead; Mr. Mc Loughlin.	Guardian angels to review behaviour rules on the playground
When I go out on trips or visits I feel safe and well looked after	Children with allergies and/or health conditions wear a wristband to alert people of their condition.	Conduct a sample of pupil interviews
I know how to stay safe online	Internet safety day on Tuesday 6 th February and workshops were delivered on Thursday 8 th February to all classes	Online safety session follow up delivered in Summer term by class teachers and online safety advice shared on class dojo/twitter.
I know what to do if I see something I don't like online		
I know why I must keep my personal details safe online		
When I'm feeling poorly or I am injured, the school look after me	Children are reminded of the procedures at break and lunchtime	Provide further training on this, particularly to new staff
The school building and the playground are kept safe and clean	A member of the local governing body conducted a health and safety walk on 8/2/24. External review of health and safety took place on 4/3/24.	Follow up actions will be reviewed by the local governing body.
The school makes sure that only adults who are checked as safe are allowed in the building	Lanyard posters have been displayed around school to ensure that children know that adults must be signed in and checked before being allowed into school. (This has always been done but we are raising the profile of this to children).	Staff to explore areas in school and how children can keep themselves safer – relate these to the school rules already in place

Parent Safeguarding Survey - Primary 2023/2024

2023/2024

The following survey results (in percentages %) are taken from 16 parents who responded to the survey.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree
Responses					
My child is happy at school	31	69	0	0	
My child feels safe and secure at school	56	38	6	0	
I do not have any concerns about my child's safety at school	50	31	19	0	
If I have had concerns about my child's safety in the past these have been dealt with promptly and effectively by the school	44	38	13	6	
The school teaches my child how to keep themselves safe and how to deal sensibly with risk (online safety, stranger danger etc)	50	38	0	13	
My child would feel confident about approaching a member of staff if they felt unsafe or unhappy at school	31	63	6	0	
When my child becomes ill or gets injured the school acts promptly to deal with the situation	44	31	25	0	
The school is kept safe and clean	50	50	0	0	
The school controls access to the building during the day, preventing any unauthorised adults from getting into the school building	50	50	0	0	
My child knows what to do if they are bullied at school	25	50	6	19	
I trust the school to sort out any bullying incidents quickly and effectively	38	44	13	6	
My child knows how to keep themselves safe online	25	69	0	6	
The school supports parents with online safety, scams and hoaxes etc and how to keep my child safe when online	31	63	6	0	
When my child goes out on school trips or visits, I feel confident that they will be safe and well looked after	38	56	6	0	
I feel confident that my child is safe at any of the clubs / activities that are run outside of the normal day	44	50	6	0	
I know who to contact at the school if I have any concerns about my child's safety or any concerns about the safety of another child / children	44	50	6	0	
I am aware of the school's safeguarding policy and procedures and know where to find them if I need them	31	56	13	0	

Statement	Action taken:	Further next steps:
My child is happy at school	We are monitoring personal development for each child to ensure all children have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities	Feedback to parents at end of Summer term some statistics on this year's achievements
My child feels safe and secure at school	Review data and practice in school and continue to implement positive change	Review impact of safeguarding curriculum and share findings with parents
I do not have any concerns about my child's safety at school	Parent interviews and further parent surveys in March	Review future surveys and share findings with parents and next steps
If I have had concerns about my child's safety in the past these have been dealt with promptly and effectively by the school	Share policies on class dojo with parents on a regular basis	Leaders will ensure parents understand the actions taken via written communication as well as verbal where possible
The school teaches my child how to keep themselves safe and how to deal sensibly with risk (online safety, stranger danger etc)	Implemented a safeguarding curriculum that maps out over the year what happens when to show that a range of activities take place on teaching children about keeping them safe	Share more curriculum information with parents
My child would feel confident about approaching a member of staff if they felt unsafe or unhappy at school	Safeguarding poster of adults children can speak to will be shared with staff	Continue to review
When my child becomes ill or gets injured the school acts promptly to deal with the situation	Review of systems in place	Continue to review
The school is kept safe and clean	School governor and external body have conducted health and safety visits and reviews	New gates will be fitted around perimeter of school
The school controls access to the building during the day, preventing any unauthorised adults from getting into the school building	Change of number code on door	Continue to review
My child knows what to do if they are bullied at school	More posters are displayed around school	Share with parents what actions and systems we have in place
I trust the school to sort out any bullying incidents quickly and effectively	Staff receive regular updates and training on dealing with bullying – share on dojo	Continue to review
My child knows how to keep themselves safe online	Internet safety day taken place and shared online safety messages with parents via X and class dojo	Continue to review

Early Help for families

If anyone in your family needs more help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our Early Help Team member assigned to this local area:

Perry **Spurgeons** 0121 752 1900 PerrybarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org
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Named lead:
Kelly Bagnall

Mental health support

We have to look after our mental health.

For young people aged 11 to 25 there are forums, guides and counselling available at [Kooth](#).

If your child is 0 to 25 years old and needs support, visit [Pause](#), who provide support for parents and carers who are concerned about their child or young person's wellbeing or phone 0207 841 4470.

Adults can get support from MIND by phone on 0121 262 3555.

For urgent help phone [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) on 0300 300 0099.



Financial help

If you've lost your job, or are struggling to pay for food or rent, there are services that can help.

[Local welfare provision](#) can make a big difference if you are in a crisis and need food, fuel or basic white goods.

[Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be able to help with rent.

There are also [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.

For more information, please go to :

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham_children_s_partnership/2218/from_birmingham_with_love/4

