

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER



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Our Team

Here at Outwood Primary Academy Lofthouse Gate, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our pupils; making sure they are happy individuals who know how to keep themselves safe. Our Designated Safeguarding Team consists of Mrs Hewitt, Miss Cleasby and Mrs Pugh. If you have any concerns about a child or family, please speak to one of these staff members. They can be contacted via the main school office, (01924 821160) or by email, to enquiries@lofthousegate.outwood.com (Please mark FAO: DSL/Safeguarding Concern)



These posters can be found all around our school, so children know that they can talk to any member of staff.

Our academy's website has a dedicated Safeguarding page, offering information to support our families in the local area. Please use the link to access further information. <https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/safeguarding>

Further Websites

Foodbanks and support:

<https://wakefield.connecttosupport.org/resources/Councils/Wakefield/Downloads/Wakefield%20food%20banks.pdf>

Live Well Wakefield:

<https://www.livewellwakefield.nhs.uk/>

Action For Children:

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/chat/>

RSE and 'Time to...'

Relationships, Sex and Health Education in Outwood Primary Academies is integrated into all aspects of PSHE from the start of school life. Children are taught about topics such as respect for themselves and others, relationships, how to deal with peer pressure, loss and separation and are encouraged to talk about and deal with a range of feelings, including love. Within our dedicated weekly 'Time To...' sessions, the children also learn to connect, reflect and explore. These sessions promote:

- Positive self-awareness, identity, confidence and skills
- Positive relationships and connections within a community
- Opportunity to explore the issues that they face

NSPCC – PANTS rule

Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. To help you start the conversation with your child, the NSPCC can send you helpful tips, advice and materials by email and you can sing along with Pantosaurus!



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

E-Safety

On average 3 – 4 year olds spend over 6 hours online a week, with 54% of this age group having their own device. There are many positives to the on-line world, however it is also important that families understand the potential risks for our youngest children.

What are the benefits?

- ✓ Gives children access to a wealth of information to build on their own knowledge
- ✓ Technology takes away physical barriers to social connections to make children feel less isolated
- ✓ Exposure to technology has been proven to improve children's learning and development

Miss Hand is our Computing Lead should you have any questions or need support with devices. This half term, we will also be setting up a new Digital Leader team that will work alongside Miss Hand to support online learning/Internet Safety across the academy.

Useful websites to support at home:

Parent Zone: <https://parentzone.org.uk/>

Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Think U Know:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

