

Safeguarding newsletter

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 or Deputies straightaway.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999.

Meet the Designated Safeguarding Team:

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.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs C Morton



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Miss D Challenger

Mrs A Mutarah



Mrs C Miah



Mrs A Doorbar



Happy half term!

We hope you have had a lovely start to the year and had a wonderful half term.

As a school we are committed to providing education for our children that will take them through to high school and adult life.



This half term our spotlight is on the sensitive and serious issue of knife crime. With the support of PCSOs, we have started workshops with our year 6 children. They have been discussing the dangers and consequences of carrying blades and been given the opportunity to experience these scenarios via VR headsets.

Our newsletter contains information from **Ditch the Blade** which gives advice on how you, as adults, can also play a part in making your children and our community safer.

For further information and advice please contact Miss Challenger. You can also access the links provided for expert advice and support.

Mrs Morton (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Report any concerns if you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused. Please contact the school's safeguarding team or any member of staff.

You can also contact the Children's Advice and Duty Team
01782 235100 8.30 am – 5pm Mon- Fri or 234234 out of hours

Useful Safeguarding Acronyms and Vocabulary

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

DDSL: Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead

ChAD: Children's Advice and Duty

CP: Child Protection

ChN: Child in Need

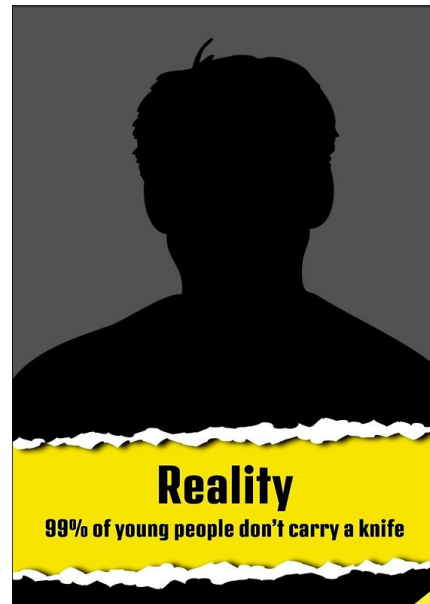
KCSIE: Keeping Children Safe in Education

PREVENT: Part of the Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn in to extremism

CAMHS: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

SEND: Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

[#DitchtheBlade - Violence Reduction Alliance](#)



#DitchTheBlade

The #DitchTheBlade campaign seeks to educate young people on the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife.

99% of young people under 29 years old, do not carry a knife; however, some people still feel pressured into carrying because of a perception that everyone else is. The #DitchTheBlade campaign seeks to dispel myths around this and encourage everyone to #DitchTheBlade.



To bring communities together to tackle knife crime, we're supporting the Ditch the Blade campaign in Staffordshire. Through education and prevention work, the campaign aims to encourage community conversations about knife crime to show our young people that carrying a knife isn't ok. By bringing this topic into the spotlight we hope to make our young people aware of the risks and consequences they face if they decide to carry a knife.

If you have concerns, reach out for help.

Who can help me?



If you are worried about a friend, being pressured into carrying a knife or are in a situation that you feel uncomfortable with you can get advice from independent agencies. When you contact them you can stay anonymous, which means you don't have to give your name or any information that will identify you. They can give you confidential help and advice:

Childline 0800 1111

Counsellors are there for young people 24/7. They can help and support with any issue they're going through, no matter how big or small. For more information visit the [Childline website](#) .

Victim Support 0808 1689 111

There for anyone who has been affected by crime, whether it was reported or not, and no matter how long ago it happened. Victim Support will provide free, confidential support so you can move forward with your life. The [Victim Support website](#)  also includes a live chat function.

Fearless

Fearless is an independent charity that allows people to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously. They provide a route for passing details of crime securely and safely via the [Fearless website](#) .