



## **HWA Safeguarding Newsletter**





### **Meet the Safeguarding Team**

Term 1 2023

The Safeguarding Team play a crucial role in taking lead responsibility for Safeguarding and Child Protection issues within the academy. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Tushingham. The Safeguarding Team are available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns and there is a dedicated email address available to report any concerns: safeguarding@hwa.clf.uk

> Both DSL's and DDSL's are trained to take on this role and this training is updated every two years. The Safeguarding Team have many responsibilities, which include:

- Working with parents and families
- Giving advice to pupils and staff
- Managing referrals and investigating concerns
- Making referrals to the appropriate agencies as necessary
- Keeping up to date records



Mrs. Tushingham Assistant Principal Designated Safeguarding Lead Mental Health Lead





Miss. Dickson Deputy DSL Online Safety



Mrs. Thurston KS4 Pastoral Leader Attendance

www.kooth.com Free online emotional & mental health support.



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safeguarding@hwa.clf.uk or TEXTus on 07749723552 3:00pm - 5:00pm Mon - Fri



Mrs. Hendra Vice-Principal Protected Characteristics Prevent



Mr. O'Callaghan Principal Principal



Ms. West Academy Counsellor





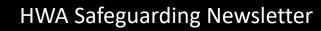








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### **Term 1 Safeguarding Spotlight**

### **Vaping**

Although vaping is still predominately linked with smoking, there has been an increase in recent years of young people experimenting with vapes. Please see the link to a very informative website, that discusses the risks and offers advice and signposting for both young people and parents.

https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/vapes?a=Vapes#the-risks

#### Nitrous oxide

This is not an academy-based issue, it has been raised as occurring within the community. NOS is a colourless gas sold in canisters, usually inhaled using a balloon.



Please see the link to Frank, the same website as above, that gives a very good oversight about nitrous oxide and its risks.

https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/nitrous-oxide









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### **Firework Safety**

We are at that time of year again, where we enjoy bonfire and fireworks displays. Here is some useful information regarding the legislation and some key points around safety.

https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety

# **Internet Safety websites**

https://www.internetmatters.org/

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

https://talk.iwf.org.uk/

### Mental health support

https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/

Https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/









