

This is our first of our planned termly safeguarding newsletters, which has been produced by our safeguarding team. The aim of this newsletter is to try and communicate some key information to parents concerning ways in which you can safeguard your own children at home, as well as informing you of how we are committed to working with all our parents and students, to actively promote the safeguarding and welfare of all our students.

If you have any concerns about a child, then please do not hesitate to contact one of the school's Designated Senior Leaders. We hope you will join us in welcoming Mr Russell Clarke our new Assistant Principal of Pastoral and External Services.

Our Safeguarding team comprises of:

- Mr Darran George Designated Senior Lead for Safeguarding
- Mrs Joanne Last Designated Deputy for Safeguarding
- Miss Alice Bushell First Response Safeguarding Officer
- Mr James Sully First Response Safeguarding Officer
- Ms Jacqui Kay First Response Safeguarding Officer



Our governor with responsibility for safeguarding is: Mrs Ann Driver

Social Media

Below are some links and advice for parents and carers on how to deal with social media bullying.

Steps to remain safe should be taken and this includes deleting, and blocking potential users from accounts. Please read the advice given, if you have any concerns please contact the school.

<http://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/what-to-do-if-you-re-being-bullied-on-a-social-network/>

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/>

Parent advice line

020 7823 5430 (Mon-Tues, 10am-5pm)

<http://www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk/>

Our school safeguarding team

At NSETC we place the protection of children in our care as one of our major priorities and responsibilities. We are committed to the safety and well-being of all our children.

Our team are available to discuss with parents any concerns or worries that you may have concerning your child, so please feel confident to raise concerns about your child with either Mrs Last or Miss Fitzgerald. Alternatively, you can contact the safeguarding team.

If you feel that you need help or support with family issues, we can signpost you to services that may be available in the local area.



In preparation for Safer Internet day in February 2017. Please encourage your children to take part in the The Childnet Digital Leaders Programme. The Childnet Digital Leaders Programme is a pupil-led online safety programme open to all UK schools.

NSETC are joining the programme and will have access to online platforms for primary or secondary schools, giving young people opportunities to increase their knowledge, achieve recognition and collaborate with digital leaders in schools across the UK.

Attendance and Safeguarding

A polite reminder to parents and carers. Please call the absence line on 01934 421299, if your child is unwell. It is important you let us know if your child will not be at school, or if you need to collect them for appointments.

We require medical evidence for medical appointments.

We cannot allow students to leave the school without permission, as we are responsible for their safety and this is our responsibility under safeguarding. Any questions or queries around attendance, please contact our Attendance Officer- Mrs Loraine O'Hagan
loraine.o'hagan@Nsetc.N-Somerset.sch.uk

Young Carers Update

A Young Carer is a child or young person aged 19 years or under who helps to look after a family member who has a disability, mental health condition, illness, or a substance misuse problem.

Helping may be a normal part of growing up, however, this group of young people regularly carry out significant or substantial caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility which would normally be associated with an adult.

Often Young Carers are hidden. They may not think of themselves as carers, and may not be recognised as such by other people like friends, teachers, GPs and even other family members. Young Carers can be of any age, gender, ethnicity or from any cultural background.

Some examples of the different ways a young person might care for someone:

- Providing personal care – helping someone to get up, washed or dressed.
- Doing lots of household chores like shopping, cleaning and cooking
- Looking after younger brothers and sisters
- Providing emotional support
- Keeping an eye on someone and staying home a lot of the time to make sure someone is ok

Many Young Carers enjoy their responsibilities; however, there is also evidence that it can have a negative impact on their health and wellbeing. Young Carers can feel socially isolated, missing out on opportunities that are available to their peers due to the additional caring they take on.

- Providing Young Carers with one to one emotional support. This can take place at a location of the Young Carers' choice e.g. home, school or somewhere else
- Advocacy – Ensuring that Young Carers' voices are heard and that their views, wishes and feelings are taken into consideration in matters or decisions that affect their lives
- Liaising with schools so that teachers can better support their students
- Alleviate and reduce inappropriate caring responsibilities by assisting the Young Carer and their family to access additional support

AT NSETC we have a young carers group that meet fortnightly with Miss Snell, Mr Sully and Mrs Hancock on a Thursday lunchtime.

They are currently raising money for a young carers celebration event. Last year from fundraising activities they raised over £200, which is a huge achievement.

Please contact Dawn Hancock dawn.hancock@allianceliving.org.uk if you have any questions or queries.

