



Safeguarding at Sandwell Academy

Latest advice for parents and carers

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The Safeguarding Team are continuing to work hard to support all students at Sandwell Academy. We have been working hard on raising awareness of positive mental health this term. Here are some updates below.

The Safeguarding Team

Who are we?



Miss Pincher : Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Adams : Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Breen : Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Povey: Senior Deputy Head Responsible for Behaviour, Safeguarding & Inclusion Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

If you have any concerns for a child or wish to gain some advice from the team, please contact: Safeguarding@sandwellacademy.com

On **Wednesday 17 July** Sandwell Academy will be holding a market place event. External agencies that the Safeguarding Team work alongside with in attendance with information and advice on support for students.

Parents/Carers are invited to join this event. The event will be held between 9-11am.

Students are not required to attend.

Overleaf is a menu of services that will be in attendance at the event.

Please click the link to confirm your attendance, registration is compulsory.

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Refreshments will be provided.

Black Country Women's Aid

Black Country Women's Aid (formerly known as Sandwell Women's Aid) is an independent charity which has supported survivors of abuse and exploitation in the West Midlands for 30 years.

Black Country Women's Aid offer domestic abuse refuge and community support; rape, sexual violence and childhood sexual abuse support; forced marriage and honour based violence support; children and young people's services; therapeutic services; and support for female offenders and women with complex needs.

Police

Our school Police Liaison Officer supports Academy's students, staff, parents and carers. Our officer speaks to students who need advice and guidance around the law. She also assists the Safeguarding Team if students, Parents and Carers wish to report crime.

NHS

Sandwell School Nurses offer a drop in session monthly to students at Sandwell Academy. This is a confidential service where students are able to seek advice and support for their health and wellbeing through school.

If you would like some advice from our school nurses or have any queries, this would be a great opportunity.

Brook

Brook operates a number of sexual health and wellbeing services across the UK.

Brook provides participative, informative and engaging sessions in schools and other settings aimed at facilitating evidence-based discussions around sex, sexuality and relationships. These sessions increase young people's knowledge and provide them with the vocabulary and skills to communicate with their peers, parents and professionals.

Brook provides resources and advice for parents and carers on how to have difficult conversations around relationships and staying safe.

As a school students are referred to Brook for 1-1 support around healthy and safe relationships.

Reflexions

Reflexions is a Mental Health Support Team (MHST) service that helps increase access to mental health support for children and young people in schools across the Black Country. Reflexions support students with low moods, exam stress, problems with sleep, low self esteem and anxiety. Information is available for children, young people and parents.

NSPCC

The NSPCC offer support to Children, Parents/ Carers and Professionals.

Parents can seek support around;

- Managing family life
- Support for speaking to your child around healthy relationships
- Dealing with bullying
- Carers mental health

Papyrus

A Suicide Prevention Charity that offers a website and sessions to parents around having difficult conversations around their mental health. If you feel your child is struggling and unsure how to approach this Papyrus offer techniques how to tackle this.

Lucy Faithful Foundation

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is a UK-wide child protection charity that works to stop child sexual abuse. The offer information and advice for parents, carers and others who want to do all they can to protect children from sexual harm.