

20th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Safeguarding Policies and Procedures

As you are aware, Northwood School is committed to a strong culture of safeguarding. Northwood School acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice that reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice standards and Ofsted requirements. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of just a few of the ways we continue to promote the safeguarding of your child throughout the academic year at Northwood School:

- Designated safeguarding team
 - Mr McManus (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
 - Ms Foksett, Ms Creaven. Mrs White (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)
- Year Group Assemblies
 - All students have had safeguarding assemblies this week 16th - 20th September
- Fire Drills
 - Whole school fire drill has happened this week
- Form time & PSCHE
- Safe School Police Officer
- Screening arches, searches & use of screening wand
- Practice school Lockdowns
- CCTV
- Clear behaviour plan
- Duty staff
- Staff training
- Use of External Agencies
- School Council
- Student Voice groups
- Parent feedback



We are aware that some students may not be ready to disclose information face to face to an adult. As a result we have an online reporting tool that enables students and parents to report a genuine bullying or safeguarding incident to our team. All students have been shown how to report via this route should they wish to do so. We have also shared other ways to report or share a concern. The link to the forms can be found on the right hand side of main school website: www.northwood-school.org.uk

Keeping Safe in the winter

We continue to remind students of the following messages to keep them safe outside school:

1. Where possible travel in pairs, with shorter, darker evenings on the way. Continue to be careful and vigilant at all times
2. Do not walk on their own with headphones on/music - always be aware of their surroundings
3. Do not walk holding or looking down on their mobile phones. Not only can these be stolen but can be a distraction and can put them at risk
4. Make sure they always tell someone (parents/carer) where they are going
5. Avoid alleyways and quiet areas on their own
6. Report anything they are uncomfortable with to an adult, the school, the Police

In addition you can contact Hillingdon Stronger Families Hub on 01895 556006, NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 or if you feel your child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns for your own or another child's safety.

We thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.

Regards,

Mr N McManus

Deputy Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead